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Joy Lukachick
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Re: Judge Bryant Cochran

Dear Ms. Lukachick:

Thank you for the courtesies which you have shown to me in this matter. I am providing to you Bryant Cochran's statement which he prepared concerning his resignation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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As of 8/15/12 at 5:00 p.m. I resigned my position of Chief Magistrate Judge of Murray County. I accept full responsibility for the warrants that were pre-signed. This is SOLELY the reason for my resignation. My first responsibility is to my family and our well-being. Eight years ago I asked to be a public official but I never asked for my loved ones to be brought under fire. Your family and mine should be off limits! These attacks have crossed a line that shouldn't be acceptable to anyone. At the end of the day this is just a job and I can't think of any job worth what we've been put through. Thank you to my friends, family, and supporters for everything. I hope you understand and respect my decision. Sometimes it is not a question of whether or not to fight but what are you going to win?

Thank you,

Bryant Cochran