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Good morning Mr. Moriarty,

At our financial audit closeout last week, you had mentioned suicide statistics. Please refer to this report from the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (<https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/mlj0014st.pdf>) that establishes on Pages 1, 2 and 6 that the suicide rate in local jails in 2014 is **50 per 100,000 inmates**. This report was released in December 2016 and is the last report from the BJS on cause of deaths in local jails.

To calculate our statistics, we broke down the number of commitments (different people in and out of the facility) per year over the last 20 years (as of June 17, 2018 when we ran this data), and came up with 259,609 total. In that same span, we have had 22 suicides, for a rate of **8.47 per 100,000 in the last 20 years**.

We then went and calculated the rate per year for the last six or so years.

**2013:** 2 suicides, 13,227 commitments = **15.12 per 100,000**  
**2014:** 1 suicide, 13,134 commitments = **7.6 per 100,000**  
**2015:** 3 suicides, 12,177 commitments = **24.63 per 100,000**  
**2016:** 4 suicides, 12,156 commitments = **32.9 per 100,000**  
**2017:** 2 suicides, 12,000 commitments = **16.66 per 100,000**  
**2018:** 0 for 5,375 = **0 per 100,000**  
**Last 10 years = 12.99 per 100,000**  
**Last 5 years: 18.23 per 100,000**

As you can see, even when we had a spike in 2016, we were still well below the national average. The narrative in the media is how evil Sheriff Hodgson is, when it really should be how great Massachusetts Sheriffs are.

Thanks,

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