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Subject: Seventh Mandated Report

This is my Seventh Mandated Report concerning suspected child abuse on the Spirit Lake Reservation and is being filed consistent with the Attorney General's Revised Guidelines.

I understand that on October 30, 2012 the BIA Child Welfare experts assigned to Spirit Lake authorized the return of a 4 month old infant to his meth addicted mother.

The infant had been removed from the mother's care at birth and required a month of hospital intensive care to shed all traces of meth.

The mother, I understand, was required by the BIA Child Welfare experts to complete a two week program sponsored by Spirit Lake Recovery and Wellness. She refused to take at least two of the random drug tests required by this program. It seems reasonable to conclude the mother is still addicted to meth.

Nevertheless, this defenseless infant was returned to the full time care of his meth addicted mother.

What, if any, special measures are being taken by BIA and its Child Welfare experts to protect this infant from being further damaged by his meth addicted mother?

Does the placement of this infant with his meth addicted mother rise to the level of criminal endangerment?

Thank you both for your attention to this matter.

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