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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**From the Governor regarding the Tafuna Correctional Facilities Recent  
Escape Incidents**

The American Samoa Government is aware of the recent escape incidents at the Territorial Correctional Facility and understands the concern these events have caused within our community.

The Administration takes these matters very seriously. The safety of our residents and the integrity of our correctional system are critical responsibilities, and any breach of security is unacceptable.

In response, the Administration is undertaking an internal reorganization and has convened discussions with key agencies to examine the circumstances surrounding these incidents and to make recommendations to strengthen security, oversight, and operational procedures.

We appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as this work moves forward, and we remain committed to maintaining public safety and confidence in our institutions.

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**PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA**  
Governor