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**METRO NO LONGER PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR RETURN OF
GASTROENTEROLOGY CENTER PATIENT FILES**

On February 29th, 2008 members of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the F.B.I., and investigators from the Nevada State Attorney General's Office and the Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, served multiple search warrants at six locations of the Gastroenterology Center of Nevada.

The warrants were served as part of an ongoing criminal investigation into allegations against the Center. Because of the large volume of evidence collected and the Departments desire to make the release of necessary information to appropriate parties as simple as possible, a private company was hired to organize, log, store and release these patient records.

On Saturday, December 6th, 2008, work will begin to package all impounded patient files so they may be released back to the medical centers from which they originated. Because of this, L.V.M.P.D. will forward all requests received after that date for the return of patient files to the Gastroenterology Center.

It is anticipated that the files will be released to the respective medical centers by the first week of January, 2009. Beginning January 1, 2009, all requests for the return of patient files must be directed to:

G.C.N.
P.O. Box 35140,
LV, NV 89133

Phone # (702) 615-9422

The forms necessary to request the return of these individual patient files from GNC may be downloaded form the internet at: <http://www.gastrocenternv.com>

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