Greetings,

No one is available for an interview. The following statement can be attributed to me:

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections is committed to the use of evidence-based practices and decision making and has been an ongoing participant in the National Institute of Corrections’ efforts to integrate evidence-based principles and practices into state criminal justice systems. As part of our commitment to these efforts, we began implementing COMPAS in February 2011 to provide a scientifically-based, statistically valid picture of recidivism risk in individuals.

Currently, COMPAS is part of DOC’s toolbox to determine recidivism risk. COMPAS is also available to partners in the criminal justice system to complement other inputs into the decision-making process. DOC will continue to review and refine its use of COMPAS and other evidence-based tools as part of our ongoing efforts to provide the most accurate assessment of recidivism risk in offenders.

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Yeah. That would be fine. I actually got pulled onto something else today, so not filing this until tomorrow morning.
I’m still working on something. OK if I get back to you by the end of the day?

Tristan

From: Smith, Mitch [mailto:mitchell.smith@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 12:26 PM
To: Cook, Tristan D - DOC
Subject: Re: New York Times interview request

Thanks, Tristan. Hoping to get interviews wrapped up by 11 a.m. tomorrow.

On Tue, Jun 7, 2016 at 12:25 PM, Cook, Tristan D - DOC <Tristan.Cook@wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Got your email. What's your deadline?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2016, at 12:23 PM, Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Tristan,
I'm a New York Times reporter working on a story about predictive algorithms in the criminal justice system, and I've been looking into the use of COMPAS in Wisconsin. I'm wondering if someone in your office might be free for a phone interview to help me learn more about how COMPAS is used at different junctures in Wisconsin's justice system, how long it's been in place and why the state feels it is appropriate. Thanks so much for your time.
-Mitch Smith

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