

## The governor's calls

*This paragraph from a memo, written in January by Deputy Correction Commissioner Joe Prater, says that Gov. Pat McCrory had twice called Public Safety Secretary Frank Perry to express concerns about plans to let a private prison maintenance contract expire. The contract was held by a company run by Graeme Keith Sr., a friend of and political contributor to the governor.*

*This page of the three-page memo was previously omitted from public records provided to The News & Observer. It was included in response to an additional records request, along with a written statement from Perry challenging some of Prater's account.*

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**Details Relating to the Keith Corporation Maintenance Contracts Scheduled to Expire December 31, 2014**

**January 28, 2015**

#### **Additional/Subsequent Background Information**

**\*\*\* In early-mid September, JP prepared for the Secretary the letter notifying K&K of the contract expirations. At Secretary Perry's Executive Assistant, Kim Overton's going away reception on September 12, 2014, Secretary Perry approached JP and indicated that he had some concerns about signing the notification as the governor had concerns about our allowing the contracts to expire. Either later that day or on another day shortly after that, Sec. Perry told JP in the basement parking lot that the governor had called him again, concerned about our allowing the Keith contracts to expire, as Keith is a friend of his [the governor's].**

**The intention was to have the notification in place, effective October 1, 2014; it ultimately, of course, was never signed.**

**After that September discussion with JP about the notification, Secretary Perry, as instructed by**