

January 13, 1986

TO: Jefferson County Board of Supervisors
County Office Building
175 Arsenal Street
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Total	342	227	569

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	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
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