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Highland County Sheriff
Ohio Open Records Law Office
130 Homestead Drive
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Sherrill Danner
2-3-21

February 3, 2021

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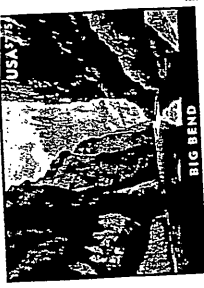
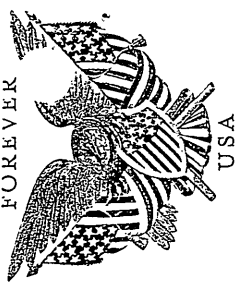
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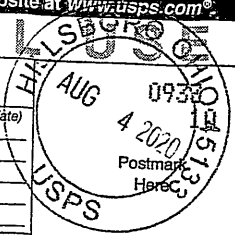
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Somerville, MA 02144

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HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

Donald E. Barrera

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Phone: (937) 393-1421 • Tip Line: (937) 840-6243 • Fax: (937) 840-6241

EMERGENCY 911

To: MuckRock News
From: Sheriff Donald E. Barrera
Re: Records Request from MuckRock News;
Dated 6/27/20, But Received by Me on 6/29/20 (Monday)
Date: August 4, 2020

I am writing with regard to your request referenced above. I received a second request on 7/28/20 from your entity re-stating your request.

I made reply to your request by letter mailed by regular US mail on 7/10/20, a copy of the letter and envelope being attached hereto.

In addition, I telephoned the number within your request and requested a return call from your entity both on 7/29/20 and on 7/31/20. I have not received a return telephone call from your entity, to the date of this mailing, 8/4/20.

Should you request clarification of my response to your requests, you may reach me by calling me at (937) 393-1421. Should you reach my voicemail, please feel free to leave a message, and I will promptly return your call. If you could leave a direct telephone number to where I may reach a person (your request letter indicates, "leave a message at 617-299-1832") that may eliminate "phone tag" and expedite our communication.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Donald E. Barrera

Enclosures: 7/10/20 Response letter and envelope copy

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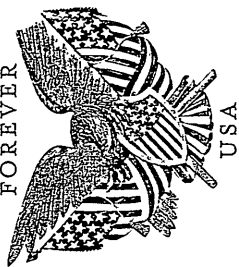
To: MuckRock News
From: Sheriff Donnie Barrera
Re: Records Request from MuckRock News, Dated 6/27/20, Received on Monday, 6/29/20
Date: July 10, 2020

As my office is not involved with distribution/compensation/expenditures related to litigation or threatened litigation, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Highland County Sheriff's Office has no public records or responsive materials related to distribution/compensation/expenditures as requested by MuckRockNews in its public records request as referenced above, available under public records requirements, for the period referenced.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Donald E. Barrera

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Highland Co. Sheriff's Office
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7/10/20

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