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February 18, 2021

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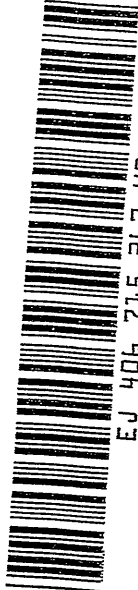


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\* 2/3/21: Please see attachments.

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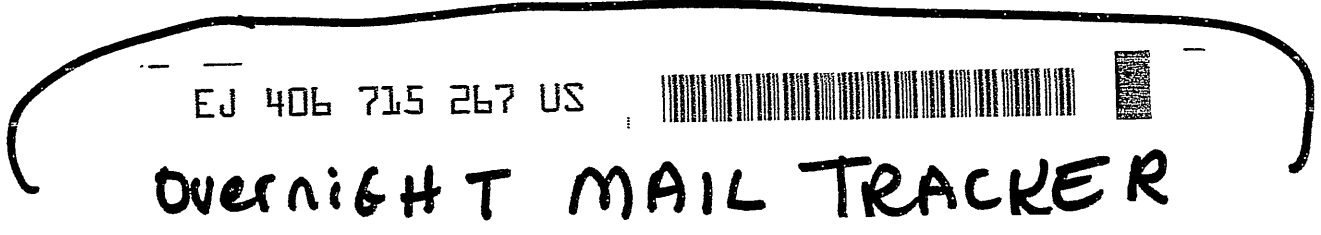
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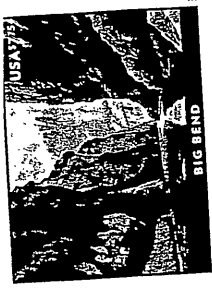
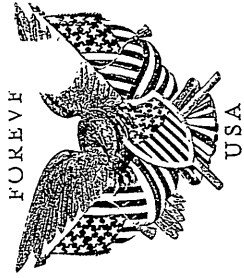
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**EMERGENCY 911**

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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**EMERGENCY 911**

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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7/10/20



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

July 13, 2020

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Ohio Open Records Law request, copied below, and originally submitted on June 27, 2020. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On June 27, 2020:  
 Subject: Ohio Open Records Law Request: Law enforcement informal and formal settlement data and reports (Highland County Sheriff)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Ohio Open Records Law, I hereby request the following records:

Materials related to and sufficient to show all instances of alleged or actual inappropriate or illegal behavior or actions resulting in compensation or expenditures involving this agency.

Responsive materials include records of all settlements (formal and informal) and payments to which this agency was or is a party for the period from January 1, 2010 through the date this request is processed. Responsive materials include those for matters and legal claims resolved prior to the initiation of any litigation.

In particular, materials responsive to this request include all reports, lists, databases, spreadsheets, and other documentation detailing incidents of legal claims or other allegations requiring compensation for claimants, attorneys, or any other party.

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If spreadsheets or similar documents are available in response to this request, please provide all segregable data, including but not limited to:

- The nature of the claim or legal matter
- The claimant and other parties involved
- The relevant case and tracking numbers for court and internal systems
- The date the lawsuit was served or litigation commenced
- The final disposition or current status of the case, including whether a case is still pending
- The amount spent to date as a result of the legal engagement
- The amount paid to any parties related to the legal claim, including any city payout and any non-monetary compensation

If clarification of this request is required, please respond to the provided email address or leave a message at 617-299-1832.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

Beryl Lipton

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