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** Via Email: 121443-95581987@requests.muckrock.com **

MuckRock News
Attn: John Lindsay-Poland
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Re: PRA Request - Purchase and 'less lethal' deployment records

Dear Mr. Lindsay-Poland

This firm serves as County Counsel for the County of Sierra. Please accept this as the County's response to the above-referenced Public Records Act request received by the Sierra County Sheriff's Office on November 19, 2021. Below is a summary of your requests and a specific response to each of those requests.

Request #1: Purchase records, invoices, procurement documents and other documents sufficient to show any and all disbursement of public funds for the acquisition by your agency since July 1, 2015 of any of the following:

- Firearms of .50 caliber or greater
- Patrol rifles (as commonly denominated for law enforcement use) or assault rifles (as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the California Penal Code)
- Wheeled vehicles that are built or modified to provide ballistic protection to their occupants, such as Bearcats or armored personnel carriers
- Projectile launch platforms, such as 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag" or specialty impact munition ("SIM") weapons, and "riot guns" used to disperse chemical agents
- Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)

Response #1: The County of Sierra is providing the following record pertaining to the purchase of one (1) patrol rifle, attached hereto in PDF format and entitled, "Sierra SO Invoice 2021_Redacted" (1 page).

Please note that the serial number of the firearm has been redacted from the attached records pursuant to California Government Code which states that “on the facts of the particular case the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record.” (Gov. C. § 6255(a))

Request #2: Purchase records, invoices, procurement documents and other documents sufficient to show any and all disbursement of public funds for the acquisition by your agency since July 1, 2018 of explosives and pyrotechnics, such as “flash bang” grenades and explosive breaching tools, and chemical weapons such as “teargas” and “pepper balls.”

Request #3: Records of deployment by your agency since January 1, 2020 of projectile launch platforms, such as 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag” or specialty impact munition (“SIM”) weapons and “riot guns” used to disperse chemical agents; explosives and pyrotechnics, such as “flashbang” grenades and explosive breaching tools; and chemical weapons such as “teargas” and “pepper balls.”

Responses #2-3: After a diligent search and reasonable inquiry, the County of Sierra did not identify any documents in its possession, custody or control that were responsive to your request.

The County of Sierra considers your request complete. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Regards,
PRENTICE LONG, PC


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Attachments

cc: Autumn Long-McGie, County of Sierra
Mike Fisher, Sheriff, County of Sierra