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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #2022-0034

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Dear Mr. Meller:

This letter is to inform you that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division ("SLED") received your request for records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Your request has been given the tracking number SLED FOIA #2022-0034, which you may refer to in any further correspondence.

Please also allow this correspondence to serve as SLED's final determination that SLED will provide all "public records", as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-20, that are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40 as soon as is practicable. Accordingly, as soon as any and all responsive materials are processed and prepared for transmittal, SLED will coordinate such transmittal, including any demand for fees as authorized by S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30. If additional time is needed for such, SLED will notify you and will seek an "extension by written mutual agreement" and FOIA provides that "this agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld." S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(C). Please also note South Carolina FOIA law specifically provides that this "determination is not required to include a final decision or express an opinion as to whether specific portions of the documents or information may be subject to redaction according to exemptions provided for by Section 30-4-40 or other state or federal laws." *Id.*

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office at (803) 896-2327 or via email at foi@sled.sc.gov.

Sincerely,
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