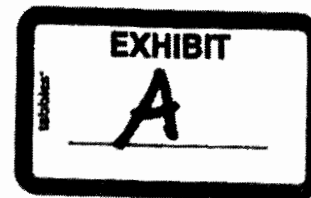




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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

June 28, 2018

TO: Sheriff Donald Keeler
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VIA EMAIL: Yvette.wright@vermont.gov

RE: OSC File No. HA-18-4206

The U.S. Office Special Counsel (OSC) is investigating allegations that an employee of the Addison County Sheriff's Office has violated the Hatch Act. To assist the investigation, pursuant to the authority contained in 5 U.S.C. Secs. 1212, 1214, 1216, and 1303, OSC requests that you furnish the following information on or before July 12, 2018:

1. Please list all federal funding that the Addison County Sheriff's Office currently receives or will receive in calendar year 2018, including any federal funding that passed through other agencies prior to the Sheriff's Office's receipt of the federal funds. For each federal fund, please specify:
 - a. the name of the federal funding;
 - b. the federal agency that authorized the federal funding;
 - c. the amount of the federal funding;
 - d. the purpose of the federal funding;
 - e. who had administrative responsibility for the federal funding; and,
 - f. what programs or activities were funded by the federal funding.
2. Please provide a current organizational chart for the Addison County Sheriff's Office.
3. Please provide a position description for the position of Lieutenant and the position of Investigator.

The pertinent provisions of the statutes under which this request is made are set forth on the last page of this form. The request is made in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 804-7054.

Sincerely,

Erica S. Hamrick
Deputy Chief
Hatch Act Unit

Pertinent Provisions of Sections 1212, 1214, 1216, and 1303 of Title 5, United States Code

- Sec. 1212(b)(1): "The Special Counsel and any employee of the Office of Special Counsel designated by the Special Counsel may administer oaths, examine witnesses, take depositions, and receive evidence."
- Sec. 1214(a)(1)(A): "The Special Counsel shall receive any allegation of a prohibited personnel practice and shall investigate the allegation to the extent necessary to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that a prohibited personnel practice has occurred, exists, or is to be taken."
- Sec. 1214(a)(5): "In addition to any authority granted under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Special Counsel may, in the absence of an allegation, conduct an investigation for the purpose of determining whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that a prohibited personnel practice (or a pattern of prohibited personnel practices) has occurred, exists, or is to be taken."
- Sec. 1216(a): "This subsection provides further that the Special Counsel shall investigate any allegation of certain prohibited political activities (Hatch Act), arbitrary or capricious withholding of information requested under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), any activity prohibited by civil service law, rule or regulation, or involvement of any employee in discrimination found by any court or appropriate administrative authority."
- Sec. 1303: "The Office of Personnel Management, Merit Systems Protection Board, and the Special Counsel may investigate and report on matters concerning—
- (1) the enforcement and effect of the rules prescribed by the President under this title for the administration of the competitive service and the regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management under section 1302(a) of this title; and
 - (2) the action of an examiner, a board of examiners, and other employees concerning the execution of the provisions of this title that relate to the administration of the competitive service