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Sent by email 86452-95962559@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Guariglia:

This notice responds to your January 22, 2020 email (copy attached), received by the Department of Attorney General (Department) on January 23, 2020, requesting information, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*, that you describe in the email.

After a search for records, to the best of the Department's knowledge, information, and belief, the Department does not possess records under the description given in your request or by another name reasonably known to the Department. Therefore, your request must be denied.

As to the denial of your request, under section 10 of the FOIA, MCL 15.240, the Department is obligated to inform you that you may do the following:

1) Appeal this decision in writing to the Attorney General, Department of Attorney General, 525 W. Ottawa, P.O. Box 30754, Lansing, MI 48909. The writing must specifically state the word "appeal" and must identify the reason or reasons you believe the denial should be reversed. The head of the Department or her designee must respond to your appeal within 10 business days after its receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for response to your appeal may be extended by 10 business days.

2) Commence an action in the Court of Claims within 180 days after the date of the final determination to deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements, and possible damages.

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The Department's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines can be accessed at <u>www.michigan.gov/foia-ag</u>.

Sincerely,

Christy Wendling - Richards

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