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RE: Open Records Request (20-1423)

Dear Emma Best:

This letter is in response to your open records request received by the Kentucky State Police on June 11, 2020. In your request, you asked for all emails, letters, and memos to or from police/law enforcement unions, the National Guard, or federal officials between May 1, 2020 and the present, as well as any emails containing any words such as protest, protests, Black lives Matter, BLM, riot, riots, antifa, antifascist anti-fascist, or militia.

Your request is denied pursuant to KRS 61.872(3)(b), which states that the requester must precisely describe the records sought. The requester must describe the materials sought with enough specificity to allow the agency to identify and locate the records. Further, as stated in 99-ORD-14: [A] request for any and all records which contain a name, a term, or a phrase is not properly framed open records request, and generally need not be honored. Such a request places an unreasonable burden on the agency to produce often incalculable numbers of widely dispersed and ill-defined public records. *See* also 13-ORD-077.

Please be advised that this response is being sent to you electronically in light of the circumstances surrounding the current state of emergency. Please understand, that once the Commonwealth's state of emergency is lifted, any future or outstanding requests that you may send or have will be mailed to you with charges incurred pursuant to KRS 61.874(3).

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by filing a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General, Open Records/Open Meetings, The Capitol, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118, Frankfort, KY 40601, pursuant to KRS 61.880(2), or by filing an original action in Franklin Circuit Court under KRS 61.882. If you first appeal to the Attorney General but are dissatisfied with the Attorney General's decision, you may further appeal to Circuit Court pursuant to KRS 61.880(5).

Sincerely,

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Official Custodian of Records  
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