



DOWAGIAC POLICE DEPARTMENT

Director Steven L. Grinnewald

Deputy Chief David A. Toxopeus

May 5, 2020

Ian Karbal
Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism
Columbia University

Mr. Karbal:

Please accept this letter/message as a response to a FOIA requested by you on April 29, 2020. Please see below for the response to each item:

- Attached are all receipts/invoices from Fenix Ammunition purchases from the Dowagiac Police Department, redacted.
- There is currently no policy on backgrounding suppliers at the Dowagiac Police Department, nothing attached.
- A search of the email system at the Dowagiac Police Department showed no emails to or from employees which include the words: "boogaloo", "boog", "big igloo", "Hawaiian shirt party", "Hawaiian shirt hootenanny" between January 1, 2019, and present, nothing attached.
- Attached are all emails between employees of the Dowagiac Police Department and employees of Fenix Ammunition between January 1, 2016, and present.

All items are attached with this letter.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. L. Grinnewald".

Chief Steven L. Grinnewald
Dowagiac Police Department

A Duty to Serve... An Honor to Protect

Steven Grinnewald

From: Steven Grinnewald
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:51 PM
To: 'justin@fenixammo.com'
Subject: RE: Estimate 30 from Fenix Ammunition

Justin,

Thanks for the time today and helping me out.

Everything looks good. We normally don't issue a purchase order but I can if you want to. I can type the order out on letterhead if that works for you and email that to you. Will that be good enough? Then I am assuming we will be invoiced?

Let me know.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven L Grinnewald

Director of Public Safety
City of Dowagiac
241 S. Front St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-9743
sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org

From: justin@fenixammo.com [mailto:justin@fenixammo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:42 PM
To: Steven Grinnewald <SGrinnewald@dowagiac.org>
Subject: Estimate 30 from Fenix Ammunition

Steve:

Thank you for the call today, we look forward to working with the Dowagiac Police Department! Attached is a quote for (3,000) rounds of .40 S&W 180gr and (3,000) rounds .223 Remington 55gr ammunition per your request.

Please let me know if you need any further information. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Justin Nazaroff
Fenix Ammunition
Justin@fenixammo.com

(248) 662-5064
www.FenixAmmo.com

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To: sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org
From: justin@fenixammo.com

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Steven Grinnewald

From: Steven Grinnewald
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 11:31 AM
To: 'justin@fenixammo.com'
Subject: RE: Invoice 813 from Fenix Ammunition

Justin,

I processed the invoice so it should go in for payment. Usually after the next council meeting which will be the first week of September. Any idea on turnaround time for shipping? Just curious, we have an officer scheduled for SWAT school in mid-September and he needs some ammo for that.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven L Grinnewald

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sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org

From: justin@fenixammo.com [mailto:justin@fenixammo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Steven Grinnewald <SGrinnewald@dowagiac.org>
Subject: Invoice 813 from Fenix Ammunition

Fenix Ammunition

Invoice Due 08/24/2018
813

Amount Due: **\$1,595.00**

Dear Steve Grinnewald:

Your invoice-813 for 1,595.00 is attached. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your business - we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
Fenix Ammunition

(248) 662-5064
www.FenixAmmo.com

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From: justin@fenixammo.com

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Steven Grinnwald

From: justin@fenixammo.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Steven Grinnwald
Subject: Invoice 983 from Fenix Ammunition
Attachments: Inv_983_from_Fenix_Ammunition_10732.pdf

Fenix Ammunition

Invoice Due 03/15/2019
983

Amount Due: **\$1,122.00**

Dear Steve Grinnwald:

Your invoice-983 for 1,122.00 is attached. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your business - we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
Fenix Ammunition

(248) 662-5064
www.FenixAmmo.com

Steven Grinnewald

From: Steven Grinnewald
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 9:54 AM
To: 'justin@fenixammo.com'
Subject: Ammunition

Justin,

We have ordered ammunition from you over the last year or so and I would like to make another order.

I am interested in ordering 3,000 rounds of 124 Gr. FMJ 9MM training ammo. If you could please let me know the cost and what I would need to do to place the order please I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks,
Steve
Dowagiac Police Department

Steven L Grinnewald

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sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org

Steven Grinnwald

From: justin@fenixammo.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Steven Grinnwald
Subject: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition
Attachments: Inv_1204_from_Fenix_Ammunition_25696.pdf

Fenix Ammunition

Invoice Due: 11/07/2019
1204

Amount Due: **\$530.00**

Dear Steve Grinnwald:

Your invoice-1204 for 530.00 is attached. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your business - we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
Fenix Ammunition

(248) 662-5064
www.FenixAmmo.com

Steven Grinnewald

From: Steven Grinnewald
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:06 PM
To: 'justin@fenixammo.com'
Subject: RE: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition

Hey Justin, Just wondering if you had an ETA on when the ammo will be delivered.

Steven L Grinnewald

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From: justin@fenixammo.com [mailto:justin@fenixammo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Steven Grinnewald <SGrinnewald@dowagiac.org>
Subject: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition

Fenix Ammunition

Invoice Due:11/07/2019
1204

Amount Due: **\$530.00**

Dear Steve Grinnewald:

Your invoice-1204 for 530.00 is attached. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your business - we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
Fenix Ammunition

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Steven Grinnewald

From: justin@fenixammo.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Steven Grinnewald
Subject: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition
Attachments: Inv_1204_from_Fenix_Ammunition_13068.pdf

Fenix Ammunition

Invoice Due 11/07/2019
1204

Amount Due: **\$530.00**

Dear Steve Grinnewald:

Your invoice-1204 for 530.00 is attached. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your business - we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
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Steven Grinnewald

From: Steven Grinnewald
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 11:58 AM
To: 'justin@fenixammo.com'
Subject: RE: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition

Hey Justin,

I show that we sent a check on 11/7/19 for this invoice. Did you receive payment?

Let me know.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven L Grinnewald

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sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org

From: justin@fenixammo.com [mailto:justin@fenixammo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Steven Grinnewald <SGrinnewald@dowagiac.org>
Subject: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition

Fenix Ammunition

Invoice Due 11/07/2019
1204

Amount Due: **\$530.00**

Dear Steve Grinnewald:

Your invoice-1204 for 530.00 is attached. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your business - we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
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From: justin@fenixammo.com

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Steven Grinnwald

From: Justin Nazaroff <justin@fenixammo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Steven Grinnwald
Subject: Re: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition

Steve,

We have not seen a check, no.

Regards,

Justin Nazaroff
General Manager
(248) 662 5064
Justin@FenixAmmo.com



On Tue, Dec 3, 2019 at 11:58 AM Steven Grinnwald <SGrinnwald@dowagiac.org> wrote:

Hey Justin,

I show that we sent a check on 11/7/19 for this invoice. Did you receive payment?

Let me know.

Thanks,

Steve

Steven L Grinnwald

Director of Public Safety

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sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org

From: justin@fenixammo.com [mailto:justin@fenixammo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 10:04 AM

To: Steven Grinnewald <SGrinnewald@dowagiac.org>

Subject: Invoice 1204 from Fenix Ammunition

Fenix Ammunition

Invoice Due: 11/07/2019
1204

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To: sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org
From: justin@fenixammo.com

Message Score: 69
My Spam Blocking Level: Custom

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To: sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org
From: justin@fenixammo.com

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Steven Grinnwald

From: Justin Nazaroff <justin@fenixammo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Steven Grinnwald
Subject: Invoice #1204

Hi Steve,

This invoice is still outstanding (\$530). Can we get this taken care of as soon as possible?

Thank you!

Regards,

Justin Nazaroff
General Manager
(248) 662 5064
Justin@FenixAmmo.com



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To: sgrinnwald@dowagiac.org
From: justin@fenixammo.com

Message Score: 10
My Spam Blocking Level: Custom

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Low (90): Pass
Custom (78): Pass

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Steven Grinnewald

From: Steven Grinnewald
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 12:37 PM
To: 'Justin Nazaroff'
Subject: RE: Invoice #1204

Justin,

I apologize for this not getting done. We are cutting another check as we speak and sending it out today. No idea why the other one never made it to you. If you happen to get the other check can you please mail it back to me.

Again, I apologize for the inconvenience.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven L Grinnewald

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sgrinnewald@dowagiac.org

From: Justin Nazaroff [mailto:justin@fenixammo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Steven Grinnewald <SGrinnewald@dowagiac.org>
Subject: Invoice #1204

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This invoice is still outstanding (\$530). Can we get this taken care of as soon as possible?

Thank you!

Regards,

Justin Nazaroff
General Manager
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Justin@FenixAmmo.com

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From: justin@fenixammo.com

Message Score: 10
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FENIXAMMUNITION

42920 Ten Mile Road
 Unit 18
 Novi, MI 48375

Date	Invoice #
10/8/2019	1204

Bill To
Steve Grinnwald 241 South Front Street Dowagiac, MI 49047 USA

Ship To
Steve Grinnwald 241 South Front Street Dowagiac, MI 49047 USA

P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	F.O.B.	Project
	Net 30		10/8/2019	Local delivery		
Quantity	Item Code	Description		U/M	Price Each	Amount
3	FA91241000	(1,000) Rds 9MM 124gr FMJ		Ea	170.00	510.00
1	Shipping				20.00	20.00
					Total	\$530.00

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FENIXAMMUNITION

42920 Ten Mile Road
Unit 18
Novi, MI 48375

Date	Invoice #
2/13/2019	983

Bill To
Steve Grinnwald 241 South Front Street Dowagiac, MI 49047 USA

Ship To
Steve Grinnwald 241 South Front Street Dowagiac, MI 49047 USA

P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	F.O.B.	Project
	Net 30		2/18/2019	Local delivery		

Quantity	Item Code	Description	U/M	Price Each	Amount
12	FA9124250	(3,000) Rds 9mm 124gr FMJ - 250 rds/bag	Ea	42.50	510.00
8	FA55655250	(2,00) RDS .223/5.56mm 55GR FMJBT - 250 rds/bag	Ea	70.25	562.00
1	Shipping	UPS Ground		50.00	50.00

Vendor No.: 0041

Account(s) Charged/Amounts

[Redacted] \$ 1122.00

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Grant Related? WO/Proj. No.: _____

Notes: _____

Division/Project Mgr. Approval

Dept. Head Approval

Total					\$1,122.00
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Fenix Ammunition
 42920 Ten Mile Road
 Unit 18
 Novi, MI 48375

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/24/2018	813

Bill To
Steve Grinnwald 241 South Front Street Dowagiac, MI 49047 USA

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Item	Description	Est Amt	Prior Amt	Prior %	Qty	U/M	Rate	Curr %	Total %	Amount
WS .40 ...	(3,000) Rds .40 S&W 180gr FP	660.00			12	Ea	55.00	100.00%	100.00%	660.00
WS .22...	(3,000) RDS .223 Remington 55GR FMJBT	870.00			12	Ea	72.50	100.00%	100.00%	870.00
Shipping		65.00					65.00	100.00%	100.00%	65.00

Subtotal							\$1,595.00			
Sales Tax (6.0%)							\$0.00			
Total							\$1,595.00			
Payments/Credits							\$0.00			
Balance Due							\$1,595.00			

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