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Mr. Sleigh,

Please see the attached.

Regards,

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**VIA E-MAIL:**

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Re: *Public Records Request*

Dear Mr. Sleigh:

I write in response to your Public Records Act request submitted on May 1, 2024, seeking “a list of all persons who have received compensation in accordance with 13 VSA § 5575, together with the dates and amounts of said payments.”

The AGO has identified potentially responsive documents, specifically settlement agreements and releases in two lawsuits that have been resolved. All the requested records are relevant to pending litigation in which the State is a party of record (and prevailed at the Superior Court, in a decision now subject to appeal) and are exempt from production under the public records act. *See* 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(14). Specifically, the records are relevant to *Reynolds v. State of Vermont*, Docket No. 24-AP-040, in which you are counsel of record for Plaintiff-Appellant Stanley Reynolds. Therefore, your request is denied in full at this time.

To the extent you feel any records have been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General, Robert McDougall at: [ago.publicrecordsrequests@vermont.gov](mailto:ago.publicrecordsrequests@vermont.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Laura C. Rowntree*

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