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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of AAG Laura Rowntree, please find attached a cover letter relating to your public records request.

Thank you,
Kelly

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May 23, 2024

VIA E-MAIL:

Christopher Lapierre

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Vergennes, VT 05491

Re: *Public Records Request*

Dear Mr. Lapierre:

I write in response to your Public Records Act request submitted on May 20, 2024, seeking: “Lawsuit between the state of VT and 7 unnamed youth regarding the Woodside juvenile rehab center, which resulted in a \$4.5 million settlement.”

During our telephone conversation on May 20, 2024, you clarified you were seeking all the documents filed in the federal lawsuit, *Estate of G.W., et al. v. Schatz, et al.*, Docket No. 21-cv-283 (D.Vt.), as well as the settlement agreement and releases executed at the conclusion of that lawsuit, which were not filed with the federal court. The releases reflect redactions of personally-identifying information of the minor parties pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(1) and (7).

The Attorney General’s Office has uploaded responsive documents to the Open Government tab on our website, which you can access here: <https://ago.vermont.gov/2024-vermont-attorney-generals-office-public-record-act-requests-and-responses>. The response is broken down into four parts as follows:

Date	Name	Organization	Topic(s)	Request and Response
05/20/2024	LaPierre, Christopher	N/A	Civil litigation	2024-05-20 LaPierre PRA request.pdf 2024-05-23 Rowntree response to LaPierre w docs Part1.pdf 2024-05-23 Rowntree response to LaPierre w docs Part2.pdf 2024-05-23 Rowntree response to LaPierre w docs Part3.pdf 2024-05-23 Rowntree response to LaPierre w docs Part4.pdf

If you would prefer to receive the records on a flash drive, our Office charges \$10 for the flash drive. If you would like to receive the records on a flash drive, please email to let me know and we can coordinate payment.

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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Laura C. Rowntree

Laura C. Rowntree
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