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Please describe the records you are requesting and provide as much specificity as possible, including applicable date ranges.

I would like to enter a FOIA request asking the duration and type of award, i.e., "IDIQ" or a specific time frame, the award amount(s), brand(s), model(s) number(s) and or type(s) of mobile device(s) pertaining to sexual assault kit tracking.

Lobbyit, LLC. (LIC) is a government affairs firm domiciled in Washington, D.C. Consistent with our mission, I respectfully request the information on behalf of LIC.

the number of rape kits collected and booked into police evidence since 2020 the number of rape kits that have been processed by a public or private crime or forensic laboratory since 2020

the number of unprocessed rape kits in any storage facilities currently under the department's jurisdiction and control

any documentation providing the reason(s) unprocessed kits were not processed the number of rape kits destroyed or lost

any written policies or procedures regarding department practices on the handling of rape kit evidence, including testing protocols

LIC submits this request to the Vermont State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) FOIA Officer to be forwarded to any relevant offices or personnel as necessary to receive a full and complete response for the information requested.

Justification: There continue to be news reports citing state backlogs for sexual assault kit processing. Certain states, like New Jersey, claim there is no backlog and subsequent independent investigations determine the backlog is in the hundreds, sometimes even thousands. Proper kit tracking can and will help to alleviate backlogs and improper handling of evidence. Evidence collection after sexual assault requires proper documentation, handling, and transfer of evidence. Preventing backlogs and mishandled test kits can help more effectively prosecute and incarcerate serial rapists.

Declaration (Required)

Yes

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