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Subject: Public Records Request Follow-up
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Attachments: [PRR Response with Press Release.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a letter in response to your public records act request dated August 9, 2024.

Best,
Dana

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August 15, 2024

Nicole Beam

[REDACTED]

Springfield, Vermont 05156

Via email: [REDACTED]

Re: Public Records Request Follow-Up

Dear Nicole Beam,

I write in response to your public records act request dated August 9, 2024, in which you requested: *documentation of my ex-husbands arrest James Beam.*

Attached you will find the press release issued on August 1, 2024 relating to Mr. Beam's arrest. As this is an active prosecution, other responsive records in our possession are presently exempt from disclosure under the following statutory exemptions:

- 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) - Records which, if made public pursuant to the PRA, would cause the custodian to violate duly adopted standards of ethics or conduct for any profession regulated by the State. Please see Rule 3.8 (Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor) of the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5)(A)(iii) - Records dealing with the detection and investigation of crime that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5)(D) - Records dealing with the detection and investigation of crime that could reveal information that could be used to facilitate the commission of a crime or the identity of a private individual who is a witness to or victim of a crime.

Should you believe information has been withheld in error, you may appeal to Deputy Attorney General Robert McDougall. Such appeal should be in writing and addressed as follows:

Robert McDougall
Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
109 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05609-1001

Sincerely,
/s/ Dana M. DiSano
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
August 1, 2024

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Springfield Resident Arrested for Attempted Luring of a Child

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Attorney General’s Office announced that James Beam, 29, of Springfield, Vermont, was arraigned today on one felony count of Attempted Luring of a Child. The charge brought against Mr. Beam is the result of an undercover criminal investigation conducted by the Hartford Police Department and the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (VT-ICAC) during which Mr. Beam initiated contact online via the Grindr application with a Hartford investigator posing as a 14-year-old minor. Mr. Beam engaged in sexual conversations with the undercover investigator and set up a meeting to engage in sexual acts.

Mr. Beam pleaded not guilty at the arraignment today in Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Criminal Division. The Court, Judge Heather Gray presiding, ordered conditions of release that restricts Mr. Beam’s contact with minors and access to the internet.

VT-ICAC investigates cases of child sexual exploitation occurring over the internet, including the production and online distribution of child sexual abuse materials. VT-ICAC also provides forensic examination services, technical assistance, law enforcement training, and public education and outreach.

Every child deserves a safe childhood. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is the nation’s centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. Anyone can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, child sexual molestation, child sexual abuse material, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking, unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child, misleading domain names, and misleading words or digital images on the internet. To make a report, call the 24-hour call center at 1-800-843-5678 or visit <https://report.cybertip.org>.

Additionally, if you are recovering from child sexual exploitation, you do not have to navigate it alone. NCMEC can help with emotional and peer support, removing content from the internet, and locating mental health professionals. For more information, please visit <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources> or call the 24-hour call center at 1-800-843-5678.

The Attorney General's Office emphasizes that individuals charged with a crime are legally presumed innocent until their guilt is proven beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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