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Dear Colin Aamot:

Attached is a letter advising of the estimated cost associated with complying with your public records request. It exceeds \$50 and is \$809.76. I left you a voicemail on Thursday, September 26, 2024 to see if we could discuss a way to narrow the request to keep costs down and accelerate our ability to get you responsive records. For example, we can transmit the responsive records for 2024 right away and without cost, but if we need to go back to January 1, 2020 as you originally requested, this will take more time and is estimated to cost \$809.76.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss how to proceed. We will wait to proceed further with processing your request until hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Leslie

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Via email to: [colin@daily-signal.org](mailto:colin@daily-signal.org)

Colin Aamot  
Contributor, Daily Signal

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Colin Aamot:

I write in response to your Public Records Act request received by the Attorney General's Office on September 24, 2024 in which you requested: "Copies of all closed investigative case files, including, but not limited to: affidavits, warrants, subpoenas, investigative summaries, standardized forms, finalized investigative reports, and any other related documentation or materials associated with investigations pertaining to, or mentioning, 'voter fraud', 'ballot fraud', 'ballot stuffing', 'ballot mules', 'election fraud', 'voter suppression', 'illegal voting', 'vote tampering', 'vote harvesting', 'absentee ballot fraud', 'mail-in ballot fraud', 'election interference', 'electoral fraud', 'double voting', 'voting irregularities', 'voter intimidation', 'illegal absentee ballots', 'unlawful voting', 'false voter registrations', 'dead voters', or 'ineligible voters'."

Pursuant to the Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 316(c)(1), a public agency may charge requesters of public records for the cost of complying with the request. The first 30 minutes of time involved with complying with the request is free. We estimate that the total time for the Attorney General's Office to comply with your request is 598 attorney minutes and 1,080 staff minutes. Using the [Uniform Charges Schedule](#), and subtracting the first 30 minutes of time from the attorney minutes, we have calculated the cost estimate as follows:

1. Attorney review of records: 568 minutes @ .57/minute (\$323.76)
2. Staff time for redaction of records: 1,080 minutes @ .45/minute (\$486.00)

Total cost estimate = \$809.76

We ask that you please submit payment totaling the estimated cost above to proceed further with processing your request. Upon receipt of your payment, the records will be made available to you. Note, if the actual time to produce the records is less, we will issue a credit.

You may submit payment as follows:

- Online (preferred payment method):  
<https://vt.accessgov.com/onlinepayment/Forms/Page/onlinepayment/ago-op/>
- Checks are also accepted when mailed to:  
Vermont Attorney General's Office  
Attn: Public Records Request  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609-1001

We will wait to hear from you before we take further steps. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie A. Welts  
Leslie A. Welts  
Assistant Attorney General