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Subject: Public Records Act request 2020-11122
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:38:42 PM
Attachments: [Cornett 12.4.20 PRA Response 2.26.21.pdf](#)
[2020-12-04 Cornett PRA Responses Redacted.pdf](#)

Please see attached response.

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February 26, 2021

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Re: Request for public records, dated December 4, 2020

Dear Mr. Cornett:

I write in response to your request for public records, dated December 4, 2020. Your request was for:

[A]ll electronic correspondence (including but not limited to e-mail, text messages, iMessages, MMS, SMS, or any other electronic message sent or received on any platform), and any accompanying information (see discussion of SEC Data Delivery Standards, *infra*), including also any attachments, a) sent to or from or which copies (whether as cc: or bcc:) i) Charity Clark, ii) Robert McDougall and/or ii) Nick Persampieri, that b) was also sent to or from or which copies (whether as cc: or bcc:), *or which includes anywhere in the correspondence*, i) tim.puko@wsj.com, ii) Puko, and/or iii) WSJ, and c) is dated from October 22, 2020 through December 4, 2020, inclusive.

I have attached documents responsive to your request. One document has been heavily redacted pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §§ 317(c)(1) and (7).

Sincerely,

/s/
Charity R. Clark
Chief of Staff

From: [Persampieri, Nick](#)
To: [Clark, Charity](#)
Cc: [McDougall, Robert](#)
Subject: Press Inquiry
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:33:00 PM

Charity,

I received the message below from a WSJ reporter via Linked In. Please let me know if I should respond. I don't have much interest in talking with him as I think most of what I know that he is likely interested in is confidential. Thanks.

Nick

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Hi, Nick. I'm WSJ's energy policy reporter. I'm reaching out for help on a story about state-led efforts for better federal regulation of ghg-emissions.

There are operatives in Washington claiming there's some cabal to force the country into a "Green New Deal" -- their words. That's definitely hyperbolic, but there is clearly an effort afoot for new legal action, one which could be very consequential. I need some help understanding the states' goals and options to be sure our story accurately conveys what's at stake.

It's important we write soon, before another organization with lower standards jumps on the information that's circulating out there. It's too important to get anything less than a careful separation of fact and fiction.

I have also reached out to your office's press team. I'm just concerned that the press people get shy when litigation comes into play. If you can chat, confidentially or otherwise, it would be a tremendous help for me and our readers to have more context about what's under consideration, or at least what's possible.

Please call or text me at any time. My number is 917-756-6243, and I'm available there on WhatsApp and Signal, too. Thank you!

From: [Clark, Charity](#)
To: [Matthews, Deborah](#)
Subject: RE: Recorded Racist Title 9 Brady/HIPAA/DEA/RICO Violations by S. Burlington PD Officer [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:59:00 PM

I don't think it's necessary.
Charity

From: Matthews, Deborah <Deborah.Matthews@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Recorded Racist Title 9 Brady/HIPAA/DEA/RICO Violations by S. Burlington PD Officer [REDACTED]
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To: Matthews, Deborah <Deborah.Matthews@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Recorded Racist Title 9 Brady/HIPAA/DEA/RICO Violations by S. Burlington PD Officer [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I don't think a change in approach is warranted, but thank you for flagging it for me.
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From: [Hobson, Ted](#)
To: [Baldwin, Crystal](#); [Jensen, Lisa](#); [Braz, Madison](#); [Pfefferle, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [Clark, Charity](#)
Subject: FW: Update on Tracebacks of Stay Home Stay Safe Campaign
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 3:45:56 PM
Attachments: [2020 11 03 FBI probing election robocall campaign targeting Michigan, telling voters nationwide to 'stay home' - The Washington Post.pdf](#)

This appears to be a possible voter intimidation campaign.

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From: Josh Bercu <jbercu@ustelecom.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Distro - Government Enforcement Handoff <GovernmentEnforcementHandoff@ustelecom.org>
Cc: Patrick Halley <phalley@ustelecom.org>; Jessica Thompson <jthompson@ustelecom.org>; David Frankel <traceback@ustelecom.org>; Deirdre Menard <tracebacks@ustelecom.org>; Nicolo Silvestrelli <traceback1@ustelecom.org>
Subject: Update on Tracebacks of Stay Home Stay Safe Campaign

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All,

As you may have seen, the Washington Post published an [article](#) today regarding the Stay Home Stay Safe campaign. Others have since followed suit (e.g., [WSJ](#), [Politico](#)). We wanted to provide you some additional details about what we have seen in our tracebacks so far.

For background, the call begins with an artificial voice, "This is a test call. Time to stay home. Stay safe and stay home." These calls apparently started in Canada a few months ago before migrating south. As far as we know, in all cases the spoofed called number matches the first six digits of the called party.

We began tracing calls associated with the campaign last week. Those calls led to a UK aggregator that identified its customer as also UK-based but with few details. The server(s) placing those calls appear to be in Germany (but could be controlled from anywhere). Call details from that UK aggregator indicate the caller was placing about 10 calls per second (600 calls per minute) all over the USA. In total the caller placed 278,000 calls on Wednesday via this aggregator. The UK aggregator shut off service to that customer on Friday.

Calls placed yesterday were traced to an aggregator in Dominican Republic that transmitted them to a Belgian wholesaler on their way to the U.S. That provider reports that the caller placed 150,000 calls that day. The information the Dominican provider gave us on the caller also is scant, but we have seen the same French-based originating server IP address (which, again, could be controlled from anywhere) and customer email address in other, more typical robocalling campaigns. The Dominican provider also has shut off service to the caller's IP address.

At least some of the calls placed today that we are tracing came through a provider with a Singapore

address and an Italian phone number. In that case, the IP addresses appear to be London- and Germany-based. Through this call path, 2,000,000 calls were completed yesterday and 500,000 today before a downstream provider blocked it.

We continue to trace additional calls and will provide more information as it becomes available. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

home,” according to experts who track the telecom industry. In Michigan, government officials on Tuesday said they had witnessed additional attempts to deceive their state’s voters in particular, including one robocall campaign targeting the city of Flint that inaccurately told people to vote tomorrow if they hoped to avoid long lines today.

The origins of the each of the calls and texts remain unclear, reflecting the sophisticated tactics that robocallers typically deploy in order to reach Americans en masse across a wide array of devices and services. State election officials have scrambled to reassure voters in response, with Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer pledging Tuesday to “work quickly to stamp out misinformation.” The FBI also has opened an investigation into the Michigan robocalls, a Trump administration official said.

The reach and timing of the “stay home” calls similarly caught the attention of state and federal government leaders, including New York Attorney General Letitia James (D), who said she had already sent subpoenas to investigate the source of the intrusion. Data prepared for The Washington Post by YouMail, a tech company that



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To: [Robert McDougall \(robert.mcdougall@vermont.gov\)](#); [Jandl, Lauren](#)
Subject: FW: WSJ on climate litigation and the states
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 2:01:00 PM

Hi, Rob and Lauren,
Let's discuss when you have a moment.
Thanks,
Charity

From: Puko, Tim <tim.puko@wsj.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:00 AM
To: Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov>
Subject: WSJ on climate litigation and the states

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Hi, Ms. Clark. We spoke by phone briefly a week or so ago and I'm writing to follow up.

I'm reporting about climate litigation efforts against the federal government. Vermont has apparently signed on to a common interest agreement that is central to the effort and my reporting.

I'd like to explain the breadth of the story and share some documents with you. We're eager to find out whether there's any reason to doubt the veracity/authenticity of the agreement and other emails we've reviewed that were a part of the coordination between the states involved. And, of course, we're eager to hear anything you can say about your office's goals in joining this effort.

Could you give me a call at your convenience to discuss and to let me know where I can send these documents? Our story could run later this week (though almost certainly not today or tomorrow).

Thanks!

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Subject: WSJ on climate litigation and the states
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:00:39 AM

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