

**From:** Jandl, Lauren  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 6:56 PM  
**To:** Liam Connors <[lconnors@vpr.org](mailto:lconnors@vpr.org)>  
**Subject:** Public Records Request

Dear Liam,

Please find the attached correspondence related to your public records request.

Thank you.

Lauren

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July 21, 2022

Liam Elder-Connors, Vermont Public, via email to: [lconnors@vermontpublic.org](mailto:lconnors@vermontpublic.org)

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Liam Elder-Connors:

I write to further respond to your Public Records Act request dated July 7, 2022, in which you requested: *any complaints and/or investigations regarding the Addison County Sheriff's Department received since 01/01/2018.*

Due to the nature of the request and the time necessary to make necessary redactions, I will produce additional records by the end of next week. Attached please find an initial production. Records have been redacted on the following grounds:

- Personal information has been redacted pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7)

To the extent you feel information has been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General, Joshua Diamond. Such appeal should be in writing:

Joshua Diamond  
Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609-1001

Sincerely,

*/s/ Lauren Jandl*

Lauren Jandl  
Chief of Staff

**From:** Office of the Vermont Attorney General  
**To:** AGO - Info  
**Subject:** Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:09:00 PM

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she/her,/hers;  
he,/him,/his;  
they/them/theirs; etc.)

Name

Last

Email

Phone Number

Mailing Address  
(required for a  
response)

Subject

Message

She

Whiting, Vermont 05778

Addison Cty Sheriffs Dept Inappropriate Flyer in the mail

Hello. My 84 yr old mother received a flyer in the mail from the Addison Cty Sheriffs Dept, suggesting that each household in Addison Cty send him \$110.00.

This is in addition to town appropriations. This is very intimidating to many of our elderly in Addison Cty. It's a shakedown; no different from the mafia getting protection money.

I am having trouble attaching a copy of the flyer to this but will send it tomorrow.

It is inappropriate. I've contacted 2 other Sheriffs depts in Vermont and they do NOT do anything like this. I will call tomorrow but this Newton needs to be stopped. It's been sketchy a while, but this is beyond. Please do something.

**Jandl, Lauren**

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**From:** Matthews, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** AGO - Info  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] 4-6-2021 email re Addison County Sheriff: Peter Newton

*Deb Matthews*

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**From:** Office of the Vermont Attorney General <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:19 AM  
**To:** AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>  
**Subject:** Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

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**Name** [REDACTED]

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**Last** [REDACTED]

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**Email** [REDACTED]

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**Phone Number** [REDACTED]

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**Mailing Address**  
(required for a response) Vergennes, Vermont 05491-1343

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**Subject** Addison County Sheriff: Peter Newton

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**Message** The story is a bit longer but I will give the short version: Saturday April 3, 2021 Peter Newton put a posting on Facebook looking for people to donate money. I replied that I would have gladly donated had a received a return phone call. Peter Newton replied with: [REDACTED] Your son got what was close to a excessive speed speeding ticket. The deputy would've happily talk to you guys about it at traffic court." I responded saying that I never said what my call was about considering my

son is a MINOR! I'm not sure you have the right to do that. His post was up for about 28 hours before he removed it.

**Curtis, Christopher**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:04 AM  
**To:** AGO - Info  
**Subject:** Addison Sheriff Inappropriate Fundraising

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

Hello- my name is [REDACTED]  
My 84 yr old mother received, in the mail yesterday, a fundraising flyer from the Addison Cty Sheriff Peter Newton.

In it, he requests \$110.00 from each Addison Cty household in order to create all of these programs which are currently in place through CSAC (Counseling Service of Addison County). This is in addition to the municipal appropriations already received by the Dept.

Needless to say, this harassment for money is intimidating and threatening to my mother, who lives on a fixed income. Addison Cty is currently covered capably by the Vermont State Police, Municipal police departments and a significant number of F&G officers. Why do they feel the need to duplicate current programs already in place, for \$1.5million dollars?

This is no different than a shakedown by the mafia, except that the mafia would most likely provide better protection.

Please call me at [REDACTED]. The 828-8171 number for your office is extremely confusing. You may also respond by email at [REDACTED].

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you very soon. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Matthews, Deborah](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Charity](#)  
**Subject:** AGO Voicemail  
**Date:** Thursday, May 5, 2022 3:44:00 PM  
**Importance:** High

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DATE: 5-5-2022

TIME: 11:44am

FROM: Anonymous

PHONE: Unknown

MESSAGE: Hello. I was calling and hope that this would get to the Attorney General. I'm calling regarding everything that's going on right now with the Sheriff, Peter Noone, of Addison County, and you are - TJ Donovan - would be his higher up, hence the phone call. I'm calling because I saw the YouTube video that he made the other day, which was probably the most unprofessional thing that I've seen any officer do publicly in Vermont. Nothing has been publicly addressed that I am aware of, and it's completely unprofessional. It was a calling out multiple people by name. It was talking about the victim of the probe. While he did take that down, he has continued to post on his social media inappropriate and misleading things, he continues to talk about this victim on his social media, and I do not understand why he is allowed to continue to be our sheriff. Obviously we know that there's plenty of, you know, stuff that's being investigated right now, but his current behavior is showing that he is not at a place where he's able to make correct choices. He is mentally unstable. He is making accusations about many people, he is creating a huge divide in our county based on this, and it's unprofessional and it's disgusting. We should be able to have, to be able to trust our local law enforcement, and I do not understand how we are supposed to trust our local sheriff's department when this behavior is allowed to continue. Furthermore, when it comes to the probe, I know the victim - I actually know multiple victims, and a heads up he needs to look into his relations with Womensafe, our domestic violence organization in Addison County, because he has continued to look for women to make relations with and to abuse domestic violence victims through this organization which he does receive Federal funds for, so that needs to be looked into. The other thing there is to look into is the only cell phone he has would be his state cell phone and I know you guys can find things even if they've been deleted, and there is plenty to find on that cell phone, so just a heads up but furthermore, I think that I'm going to reiterate again that there are many of us that feel like he should be removed and immediately, not wait until January 31 and if he isn't, then maybe we need to be a little bit more vocal than these phone calls. Have a great day.

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