



APPEAL UNDER THE VERMONT PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

July 25, 2017

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RE: Appeal of July 19 letter from Karen Farnsworth

To the Office of the Attorney General:

We write to appeal the Office of the Attorney General's Response dated July 19, 2017, to an Access to Public Records Request we submitted on June 9, 2017.

Pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 318(c), the undersigned hereby appeal the response insofar as it appears the Attorney General's Office neither searched for the records we requested, nor provided a proper certification that no records exist pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318 (4).

We remind the Office of the Attorney General that the request dated June 9, 2017 specifically sought: "All correspondence sent to or from the email address 'whsorrell@gmail.com.'" The June 9 request further iterated why requesters sought documents from that address, based on information and belief that it was used for the creation or storage of public records. However, it appears from the July 19 response that no search of Mr. Sorrell's gmail account was ever conducted.

As such, the Office should either conduct a new search for records meeting the descriptions set forth in the request, or provide a proper certification from the custodian as required by 1 V.S.A. § 318 (4).

We ask that you overturn Ms. Farnsworth's decision and comply with the Access to Public Records Act with respect to the June 9, 2017 request for records.

Respectfully submitted,



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