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Sent via Email to: lamar@bayoubrief.com

RE: Public Records Request, 17-0085

Dear Mr. White:

In response to your public records request pursuant to La. R.S. 44:1 et seq, the information you requested has been processed. You sought records related to the following:

Request 1.

"... copies of all documentation in the possession and/or the maintenance of the Office of Attorney General Jeff Landry regarding the decision to "disband" or suspend the operations of the Violent Crime Task Force established on or around July of 2016 to augment law enforcement in the city of New Orleans. I request all relevant records regarding the timing of this decision and any and all legal memoranda upon which the Attorney General relied in making this decision."

After a diligent search, our office was unable to identify any responsive documents for to this portion of your request.

Request 2.

"... I request records concerning the employment status of the fifteen (15) "special agents" assigned to the task force, including both the individual and aggregate compensation provided to these agents during the course of their tenure with the Violent Crime Task Force."

As our office interprets this portion of the request, it is our understanding that you seek employment records of law enforcement officers from outside agencies who cooperated with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation's ("LBI") task force. These officers were not employed by the LADOJ, nor were any employment records created for these officers. Therefore, after a diligent search, our office was unable to identify any responsive documents for to this portion of your request.

Request 3.

"I also request any and all records regarding the total financial expenditure incurred by the Office of Attorney General Jeff Landry in both the creation and the operation of the Violent Crime Task Force, including but not limited to expenses paid to third-party communications or media consultants, lawyers or law firms, and any other political subdivision or agency of the federal, state, parish, or city government"

As our office interprets this portion of the request, it is our understanding that you are referring to the outside law enforcement agencies that cooperated with the LADOJ. In this regard, the only expense incurred by the LADOJ was one "LBI" monogrammed t-shirt, which our office provided to each law enforcement officer and LBI agent employed by the LADOJ. As such, copies of the requisition form for the t-shirts and monogramming are responsive to your request. An invoice is provided below for copies of these requisition forms and invoices.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 39:241 and La. Admin. Code Title 4, Part 1, Section 301, there is a charge of .25 per page. The billing is as follows:

5 pages @ .25 per page = \$1.25

TOTAL: \$1.25

Please make check payable to **Louisiana Department of Justice** and direct to my attention

If any part of our interpretation of your request was made in error, or if our office can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Luke Donovan

Assistant Attorney General