



# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**Re: Public Records Request dated March 18, 2019**

Dear Attorney Hart:

The Bristol County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff's Office") is in receipt of your letter dated May 24, 2019 regarding the public records request of your client, the ACLU of Massachusetts ("ACLUM"), dated March 18, 2019.

Pursuant to the ACLUM's request, the Sheriff's Office responds to ACLUM's requests as follows:

1. All records that are communications between BCSO or any accountant, attorney, or other agent acting on BCSO's behalf, on the one hand, and the Office of the State Auditor (the "OSA"), on the other hand, from January 1, 2018, to the present, including:
  - a. All such communications relating to the OSA's audit of BCSO for the period July 1, 2015, to December 31, 2017 (the "Audit");
  - b. All such communications relating to any findings, recommendations, or other results of the Audit;
  - c. All such communications relating to how BCSO received, retained, and used the \$348,922 described in Finding #1 of the Audit; and
- a. All documents and other information provided to the OSA by BCSO in connection the Audit.

**Response:** Enclosed please find a copy of the following records:

1. Letter from Sheriff Hodgson to OSA dated November 15, 2018;
2. Email dated November 20, 2018 relating to Audit.

**An additional response and records responsive to the ACLU's request will be forwarded on or before June 12, 2019.**

2. All tweets and replies by, and all direct messages to or from, the Twitter account @Sheriff\_Hodgson. To assist your search, a screenshot reflecting additional identifying information for the account is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Response:** Twitter account @Sheriff\_Hodgson is not a Sheriff's Office Twitter account; thus, no records exist that are responsive to this request.

3. All direct messages to or from the Twitter account @BCSO1. To assist your search, a screenshot reflecting additional identifying information for the account is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**Response:** Enclosed please find a copy of the following records:

1. Messages to or from Twitter account @BCSO1
4. Records identifying the names of all people or entities who use, manage, or post content to the Twitter accounts referenced in paragraphs 2 and 3, above, or who otherwise possess login credentials for those accounts.

**Response:** No records exist that are responsive to this request.

5. All policies, procedures, guidelines, and instructions for use of social media accounts by BCSO personnel.

**Response:** Enclosed please find a copy of the following records:

1. BCSO 05.02.00 Information Technology System
2. BCSO 05.03.00 Social Media Policy
6. All records reflecting expenditure of public funds for travel by Sheriff Hodgson outside the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from January 1, 2017, to the present, including without limitation:
  - a. Records of expenditures and reimbursements for air travel, ground travel (*e.g.*, train, taxi), hotel costs, and meals associated with such travel;

**Response:** Enclosed please find a copy of the following records:

1. Bank of America Statement for January 2017;
2. Bank of America Statement for February 2017;
3. Bank of America Statement for March 2017;
4. Bank of America Statement for April 2017;

5. Bank of America Statement for June 2017;
6. Bank of America Statement for July 2017;
7. Bank of America Statement for September 2017;
8. Bank of America Statement for October 2017;
9. Bank of America Statement for December 2017;
10. Bank of America Statement for January 2018;
11. Bank of America Statement for February 2018;
12. Bank of America Statement for March 2018;
13. Bank of America Statement for April 2018;
14. Bank of America Statement for May 2018;
15. Bank of America Statement for June 2018;
16. Bank of America Statement for August 2018;
17. Bank of America Statement for September 2018;
18. Bank of America Statement for October 2018;
19. Bank of America Statement for December 2018;
20. Bank of America Statement for January 2019;
21. Bank of America Statement for February 2019;
22. Bank of America Statement for March 2019;
23. Bank of America Statement for April 2019;
24. Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Employee Reimbursement Form dated March 7, 2017;
25. Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Employee Reimbursement Form dated April 4, 2017;
26. Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Employee Reimbursement Form dated May 5, 2017;
27. Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Employee Reimbursement Form dated March 1, 2018;
28. Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Employee Reimbursement Form dated April 20, 2018;
29. Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Employee Reimbursement Form dated October 10, 2018;
30. Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Employee Reimbursement Form dated March 8, 2019.

b. All receipts submitted for reimbursement purposes in connection with such travel;

**Response:** See Response under Request No.6(a) above.

c. Records of any expenditures or reimbursements for travel by, or lodging for, any security detail or other staff accompanying Sheriff Hodgson on such trips; and

**Response:** See Response under Request No.6(a) above.

- d. Records reflecting the source of funding for each instance of such travel, including the relevant state budget line item(s).

**Response:** See Response under Request No.6(a) above.

- 7. All records that are communications between Sheriff Hodgson or his staff, on the one hand, and the Executive Office of the President or U.S. Secret Service, on the other hand, from January 1, 2013, to the present.

**Response:** Enclosed please find a copy of the following records:

- 1. Miscellaneous communications between Sheriff or staff and White House or Secret Service;
- 8. All records of any request, decision, or recommendation by BCSO to participate in, or not to participate in, any pilot program for the delivery of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder at county correctional facilities, including under Section 98 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018.

**Response:** No records exist that are responsive to this request.

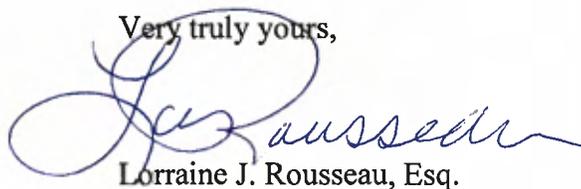
- 9. All records concerning the formulation or preparation of any request, decision, or recommendation described in paragraph 8, above, including without limitation any discussion of the reasons for such request, decision, or recommendation.

**Response:** No records exist that are responsive to this request.

Thank you for the extension of time to June 12, 2019 regarding Request Nos. 1 and 7. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Lorraine J. Rousseau, Esq.

Encs.