

From: smaroon@cumberlandco.org
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: blong@cumberlandco.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Request (Cumberland County Sheriff) - 7-11-2019
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:52:45 PM

Yes

From: John Kraft <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:42 PM
To: smaroon@cumberlandco.org
Cc: blong@cumberlandco.org
Subject: Re: FOIA Request (Cumberland County Sheriff) - 7-11-2019

Are you going to obtain the requested records, and holding on to them to keep them from getting destroyed or deleted?

Thanks,
John Kraft

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: smaroon@cumberlandco.org <smaroon@cumberlandco.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:19:39 PM
To: John Kraft <[REDACTED]>
Cc: blong@cumberlandco.org <blong@cumberlandco.org>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request (Cumberland County Sheriff) - 7-11-2019

Dear John,

This letter is in response to your recent FOIA request in regards to Deputy Carr. I have turned over the recent investigation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to avoid any allegations of impartiality or conflict of interest. In compliance with the below Illinois Statute, I will not be able to release the requested information due to this being a pending investigation.

Section 7(1)(d) of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d), exempts investigative information from release under FOIA if such release would interfere with pending investigations and court proceedings; therefore, investigative information has been redacted.

If I can be any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Maroon
Cumberland County Sheriff

From: John Kraft [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:54 PM

To: smaroon@cumberlandco.org

Cc [REDACTED]

Subject: FOIA Request (Cumberland County Sheriff) - 7-11-2019

On behalf of the Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc., and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting the following.

If you are not the FOIA officer, please forward to the FOIA officer as required by statute.

Electronic copies requested.

1. **Copy of all text/facebook/email/phone or any other messages sent from telephone number 217-549-4477 on June 14, 2020, between noon and 1 p.m. that contains a photo/picture with text. This phone number belongs to Deputy Steve Carr and is either fully or partially reimbursed by the County or the Sheriff's Department. When business or personal cell phones are fully or partially reimbursed by a public body, those messages may be treated as public records, and if such messages have been deleted from the device, the public body should direct the employee to obtain said records from the service provider.**
2. **Copy of the times (in and out) Deputy Steve Carr worked on June 14, 2020.**
3. **I lieu of providing the actual messages in number 1, above, a simple written confirmation by Steve Carr that he actually sent the message I asked him about (the pic of a combine in a cotton field with accompanying text) will fulfill this request.**

Electronic copies are requested.

This is not a commercial request.

This is also a request for fee waiver, should any fees be imposed, as this information bears on the public business of the local and state governments in Illinois and will be used to inform citizens of the actions of their public officials, of their rights and responsibilities, of news and current or passing events, and for articles of opinion or features of interest to the public. The principal purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of gaining a personal or commercial benefit

I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as both media and non-profit under the definitions in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of

Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Additionally, I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as “news media” under the Illinois Vehicle Code, Section 1-148.5.

*Thanks,
John Kraft*

