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Re: Response to FOIA Request Dated February 18, 2023

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am in receipt of your FOIA Request received by the Coles County FOIA Officer on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Response follows:

REQUEST:

"A copy of the criminal investigation report pertaining to alleged official misconduct of the Oakland Fire Protection District Trustees. I am seeking all reports, documented interviews, and audio and video recordings that were created during the investigation that we understand have now been completed."

RESPONSE:

At this time, the criminal investigation report pertaining to alleged official misconduct of the Oakland Fire Protection District Trustees, all reports, documented interviews, and audio and video recordings created during the investigation are exempt as an ongoing investigation by my office pursuant to: 5 ILCS 140/7 (1)(d)(iii) - creates a substantial likelihood that a person will be deprived of a fair trial or an impartial hearing; and 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(vii) (d) (vii) obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation by the agency that is the recipient of the request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jesse Danley".
JESSE DANLEY, State's Attorney

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You may ask the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor (PAC) to review this decision concerning your records request, by submitting a Request for Review to the PAC by electronic mail or U.S. Mail within 60 days after this denial or partial denial of your request. A request for Review by the PAC should be directed to:

Public Access Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

That PAC's telephone number is (217) 299-FOIA

You also have the right to administrative review by a court of law pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.