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Re: Public Records Request St. Martin Statistics

Dear Sir or Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your public records request dated March 31, 2023 requesting "Statistical reports, graphs or data reflecting the number of cases prosecuted, dismissed or adjudicated in the Parish of St. Martin for the year of 2022." In response thereto, I would offer the following information.

As to your requests our office staff will immediately begin the process of locating the requested records to the extent that those records exist. However, if there is no list, report or record that exists containing the information requested in the format requested, then this information would have to be gathered and compiled from a number of different sources and no public body is required to sort the information contained throughout its offices in a special way or run a special report.

Once located, the records must be reviewed to determine whether or not items excepted from Louisiana's Public Records Law must be removed or redacted; including, but not limited to the following:

- a) Confidential sources, informants, or undercover identities or operations;
- b) Descriptions of investigative techniques;
- c) Identity of victims of sexual assault;
- d) Identity of juvenile victims or co-defendants;
- e) Video tapes of protected persons
- f) Victim notification information;
- g) Crime Stoppers and Crime Hotline information or records;
- h) Privileged prosecutor work product information;
- i) Autopsy photographs;
- j) Personal identifying information.

This review process may take some time. It is anticipated that you will be notified within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter whether or not any records responsive to your request have been identified, located and segregated. However, nothing contained in this response is intended to be a waiver of any other privilege or exception to Louisiana's Public Records Act.

If any such records are identified, located and segregated you will also be provided with the estimated costs of copying and delivering those records to you, which costs must be paid in advance of copying. The current cost for copying the requested records is \$1.00 per page. If you choose to have the copies mailed to you the estimated cost of postage will be added.

In the event you have any questions or desire to further discuss your request, please feel to contact me.

Respectfully Yours,



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