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Formal request / Inspection

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Good day,

Richmond County Sheriff's Office 400 Walton Way Augusta, GA 30901

E-911 Services 911 4th St. Augusta, GA 30901

Subject: Request for Inspection of Equipment under the Georgia Open Records Act

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally request permission to inspect the computer systems and related technology used by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office and E-911 Services, in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70).

As a citizen, I am interested in understanding the systems and processes that our public safety departments use to serve and protect our community. I believe that this understanding will allow me to better appreciate the work that you do and to more effectively engage with these services.

Under the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70), all public records are open for personal inspection and copying, except those which by order of a court of this state or by law are specifically exempted from disclosure. I understand that "public record" includes computer-based or generated information, data, data fields, or similar material prepared and maintained or received by an agency (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70).

My intention is not to access any confidential or sensitive information, but rather to gain a general understanding of the types of data and systems in use. This will enable me to make more specific and informed requests for public records in the future.

I am willing to work with your office to arrange a time for this inspection that causes minimal disruption to your important work. Please let me know of any procedures or requirements that I need to follow to make this request. I am willing to comply with any reasonable conditions you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely, Billy

PublicInformationOfficer <PIO@augustaga.gov> To: Billy Blume <madvideos@gmail.com> Tue, Jul 11, 2023 at 10:11 AM

Good Morning,

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office computer system and related technologies are not considered "Public Records" and therefore does not fall under the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. 50-18-70). For your request concerning 9-1-1 services; please submit an open records request through the City of Augusta website: www.augustaga.gov/2982/Open-Records-Requests as they are not part of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office {O.C.G.A. 50-18-71(j)}.

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