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Open Records violations GBI

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Sun, Jul 16, 2023 at 3:02 PM

To: OpenRecords <openrecords2@gbi.ga.gov>, Kristen Settlemire <KSettlemire@law.ga.gov>, OPS@gbi.ga.gov

Subject: Formal Notice of Non-Compliance with State Open Records Act

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally bring to your attention a series of instances where your esteemed agency, reputed as one of the leading law agencies in the state, appears to be in non-compliance with the state's Open Records Act.

The Open Records Act is not a set of optional guidelines, but rather, a collection of binding laws that mandate specific actions and timelines. For instance, Section 50-18-71 clearly stipulates a three-day period for fulfilling a request, which is not equivalent to a 72-hour window. This is a crucial distinction that seems to have been overlooked or ignored by your agency on multiple occasions.

Regrettably, I have identified seven instances where your agency has failed to adhere to these laws. This pattern of non-compliance is deeply concerning, particularly given your agency's role in upholding the law.

Below is a list of instances where your agency has failed to comply with the Open Records Act:

1. March 22, 2023 - Request by Vernon Cratic - IGNORED
2. May 3, 2023 - Request by Alphonso Forrest (No responsive records)
3. May 18, 2023 - Request by Brianna Grier Eventually filled 2 month delay
4. May 26, 2023 - Request by Brianna Grier (Request fulfilled after nearly two months)
5. June 14, 2023 - Request by Matthew Morin IGNORED
6. June 15, 2023 - Requests by Quincy Cannon, Andrew Acosta, and Robert Wilson IGNORED
7. June 20, 2023 - Third request by Brianna Grier
8. July 07, 2023 - Request by Keven Guerrier (No response) IGNORED
9. July 09, 2023 - Request by Mercer (No response) IGNORED
10. July 12, 2023 - Request by Jermaine Jones (No response) IGNORED

These are just a few instances. I will let you explain the rest to a judge.

I urge your agency to address these instances of non-compliance promptly and ensure adherence to the Open Records Act moving forward.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Billy Blume

Kristen Settlemire <KSettlemire@law.ga.gov>

Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 11:16 AM

To: Billy Blume <madvideos@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Blume,

I hope this email finds you well. Our office is in receipt of your Open Government complaint against the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), submitted on July 16, 2023. Because our office represents the GBI, we are not able to mediate Open Government complaints against them. However, I have forwarded your complaint to the attorney who represents them in our office, and we will see if we can help. Keep in mind that because GBI is our client, our conversations with them are confidential, and I won't be able to give you any information. If there is any change in their response to your request, you will hear from them directly.

Kind regards,

Kristen Settlemire



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