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ORR February 10, 2025 Abdulrahman Ali

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To: kgautreau@ascensionsheriff.com

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 10:08 AM

Good day,

I am submitting this open records request upon Kyle Gautreau of the Ascension Parish sheriff's office. This request is related to the shooting of Abdulrahman Ali on 2.10.25
Body cam from all officers on scene
Incident report
CAD sheet

Under **La. R.S. 44:1 et seq.**, requests **can be made in writing** via mail, email, fax, or even in person. However, the request **must be directed to the custodian of records** for the specific agency. Some agencies may have **preferred** methods (like email or an online portal), but they **cannot require** USPS mail only.

Thank you
Billy Blume

Kyle Gautreau <kgautreau@ascensionsheriff.com>
To: Billy Blume <madvideos@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 4:45 PM

Good afternoon:

This office has established the following protocol for public records request: <https://ascensionsheriff.com/public-records-request>. Please submit your request per the protocol, as an email request is not deemed received.

For the purposes of expediency, I will inform you in advance that any public records request you submit seeking the records listed below would be denied under the provisions of La R.S. 44:3 as Louisiana State Police maintains an active investigation regarding this matter.

Thanks,

DEPUTY KYLE GAUTREAU

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Billy Blume <madvideos@gmail.com>
To: Kyle Gautreau <kgautreau@ascensionsheriff.com>

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 5:40 PM

Kyle,

I submitted this request according to state law. The request was made to you, in your official and individual capacity. I suggest you not put your personal assets at legal risk. There is no investigation, the man is dead. Release the body cam to me or a judge will order you to! This is also a potential civil rights violation under Near v. Minnesota.
I will file a formal complaint with the AG if you have not fully cooperated by Friday 2.28.25.

Legal Issues with Requiring U.S. Mail for Open Records Requests

Forcing requesters to **submit public records requests only via U.S. mail** is a **barrier to access** and may **violate Louisiana's Public Records Law (La. R.S. 44:1 et seq.)**.

Key Legal Considerations

1. Louisiana Public Records Law (La. R.S. 44:1 et seq.)

- The law states that **"any person"** has the right to request public records **without unnecessary barriers**.
- Agencies must provide **"immediate" access** to records if they are readily available.
- The law does not specify that **requests must be submitted only by mail**, and many agencies

accept **email, fax, or in-person** requests.

2. **Attorney General Opinions & Court Rulings**

- **Louisiana AG opinions** have emphasized that agencies **must facilitate, not restrict, access** to records.
- Courts have ruled that **imposing arbitrary requirements (e.g., requiring physical mail) can violate open records laws**.

3. **Federal Considerations** (if applicable)

- **The First Amendment** protects the **right to petition the government**, and excessive restrictions on public records access could **impede transparency**.
- If **federal funds** are involved, **Title VI** and other **federal regulations** may prohibit barriers to public access.

Thanks
Billy Blume

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