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VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED] and U.S. Mail

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Re: Your Monday, February 13, 2006 10:24 p.m. E-mail and letter

Dear Mr. Sharkansky:

This letter responds to your Monday, February 13, 2006 10:24 p.m. e-mail and letter which indicated a request for the following:

“Request: I ask that you provide a complete copy of King County’s absentee transaction log including records corresponding to the 205,096 transactions that are referenced in the ABSENTEE table but do not appear in the ABSENTEE_TRANS table. I request these records in their extant form as one or more database tables, and I prefer to receive them as tab-delimited text files. If these records exist but you choose to withhold them, please explain why these records are legally exempt from disclosure. If these data records once existed but no longer exist, please produce any documents that would confirm that these records once existed but have since been deleted. If these data records do not exist and there is no documentation that they have been deleted, please explain why the ABSENTEE table references transactions for which there is no data in the transaction log.”

RESPONSE:

On December 22, 2005, materials were made available to you, per your December 1, 2005 public disclosure request. The tables provided to you include all related transactions. Transaction logs are complete and correspond with the transaction field names.

“Request: I ask that you provide a complete copy of King County’s ABSENTEE table that includes the records corresponding to the 185,497 NEW RECORD rows that exist in the Dec. 22 copy of the ABSENTEE_TRANS table but for which there is no matching row (i.e. row with identical “av_election_id” value) in the Dec. 22 copy of the ABSENTEE table. I request these records in their extant form as one or more database tables, and I prefer to receive them as tab-delimited text files. If these records exist but you choose to withhold them, please explain why these records are legally exempt from disclosure. If these data records once existed but no

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longer exist, please produce any documents that would confirm that these records once existed but have since been deleted. If these data records do not exist and there is no documentation that they have been deleted, please explain why the ABSENTEE_TRANS table contains transactions for which there is no matching row in the ABSENTEE table.”

RESPONSE:

On December 22, 2005, materials were made available to you, per your December 1, 2005 public disclosure request. The tables provided to you include all related transactions. Transaction logs are complete and correspond with the transaction field names.

“**Request:** I ask that you provide a complete electronic copy of King County’s transaction log for all transactions performed on the DIMS voter registration database from inception to the present, including all transaction log records that would case the ‘field’ column in screen shots to contain any of the values that you did not include in the VOTER_TRANS table. (These ‘field’ column values are listed in an attached file under the heading “Field” values in printed screen shots that do not appear in the VOTER_TRANS table ‘field’ column”) I request these records in their extant form as one or more database tables, and I prefer to receive them as tab-delimited text files. If these records exist but you choose to withhold them, please explain why these records are legally exempt from disclosure. If these records once existed but no longer exist, please produce any documents that would confirm that these records once existed but have since been deleted. If these records do not exist and there is no documentation that they have been deleted, please explain why this information appears in the screen shots that you provided me in October 2005, but does not appear in the VOTER_TRANS table you provided me on Dec. 22nd, 2005.”

RESPONSE:

Providing you with a “complete electronic copy” would not be possible, as certain information would need to be redacted. According to RCW 29A.08.710.(2): “The following information contained in voter registration records or files regarding a voter or a group of voters is available for public inspection and copying: The voter’s name, gender, voting record, date of registration, and registration number. The address and political jurisdiction of a registered voter are available for public inspection and copying except as provided by chapter 40.24 RCW. No other information from voter registration records or files is available for public inspection or copying.”

You requested to speak with a member of our Information Technology staff. Yesterday, February 22, 2006, I directed our Information Technology Supervisor, Al Marks, to contact you directly. In your phone conversation with Al, you expressed your understanding that certain information is not disclosable by law. You indicated to Al that you had no problem knowing that information which we have provided to you was redacted, under the laws of public disclosure. The materials provided to you on December 22, 2005, and which you requested, are complete, applicable to the laws of public disclosure.

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To summarize our actions in response to your numerous public disclosure requests, we are reminding you:

On September 30, 2005, you submitted a public disclosure request via e-mail.

On October 7, 2005, we responded to your request, explaining that we would begin working on your request after the General Election certification in the first week of December 2005.

On December 1, 2005, you submitted two public records requests, MODIFYING your initial September 30, 2005 request.

On December 8, 2005, we responded, explaining that we required more time to complete your modified request.

On December 9, 2005, you submitted another request, asking us to "reconsider the estimated timeframe for producing the requested documents."

On December 22, 2005, we sent you a fax indicating that your requested materials were available to be picked up in our office.

On December 22, 2005, you personally came to our office, paid for the materials which included 4 CD files and document copies. You rejected and did not pay for a document copy of the Batch Accountability Spreadsheet for November 8, 2005, General and Special Elections. You were not charged for the cost of the materials you rejected.

On January 4, 2006, 1:38 p.m., you sent us an e-mail and indicated "some of the deficiencies in the produced documents."

On January 10, 2006, we sent you a response and produced, at your request, a CD of the data in Excel format, for you to pick up in our office. We also indicated that we would ask our technical staff to review the transaction logs which were provided to you on December 22, 2005.

On February 1, 2006, upon recommendation of our technical staff, we provided you with an explanation about the transaction logs.

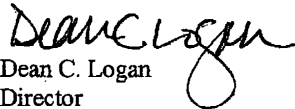
On February 2, 2006, your e-mail to us indicated that "your response on the transaction logs is not acceptable."

On February 3, 2006, we responded to your e-mail and indicated that we consulted with our technical staff. We emphasized that we have provided you with timely responses and materials and documents responsive to all your specific and modified requests.

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In response to your February 13, 2006 request and in conclusion, we have addressed all your requests and when you chose to later modify these requests, we have responded in a timely manner and provided you the applicable responsive documents within the scope of the laws of public disclosure.

Sincerely,



Dean C. Logan
Director

cc: Janine Joly, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney