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[Sent via email]

The Southern Illinoisan
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Ms. Esters:

Please consider this our response to your attached August 4, 2015 Freedom of Information Act request, summarized below:

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, we are requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that pertain to the number of inmates who have died while in custody at the Union County jail over the past 10-year period (this includes the names of the inmates and their sex; age; race; hometown; cause of death; location of death (jail or hospital, for instance); medical treatment prior to death; and whether or not those inmates in question were on suicide watch.

Per Sheriff Scott Harvel, we have had no deaths in custody within the last ten years. As such, we are neither in the custody nor the possession of any records responsive to your request.

We feel this completes your request. If we may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Rollie Hawk, Chief Information Office

Enclosure

Cc: Tyler Edmonds, State's Attorney
Scott Harvel, Sheriff

Freedom of Information Act Officer
Union County Sheriff
307 W. Market Street
Jonesboro, IL

Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

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We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. We agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request. However the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest, as is the case for this request.

We look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 ILCS 140(3). Thank you for considering and responding to this request.

Sincerely,

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