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January 3, 2017

[sent via email]

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Mr. Hart:

Please consider this our response to your attached Freedom of Information Act request, received via postal mail on December 22, 2016 and summarized below:

I'm requesting copies of records for each calendar year beginning with January 1, 2015 and continuing through the present sufficient to show: (1) all cases opened by your office classified as hate crimes under Illinois state law (ILCS 5/12-7.1), (2) for each case, the hate-related motivating factor associated with the crime (as defined by ILCS 5/12-7.1(a), these include actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or national origin of another individual or group of individuals), (3) the defendant's charge(s), (4) any restitution paid to the victim and/or fines imposed on the defendant as ordered by the trial court in relation to the hate crime, and (5) a case number for each case.

Per Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds we are in neither the custody nor the possession of documents responsive to your request.

We consider your request completed. If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Rollie Hawk, Chief Information Office

Enclosure

Cc: Tyler Edmonds, State's Attorney

Via: Mail
December 12, 2016



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Rollie Hawk
Union County State's Attorney's Office - FOIA Officer
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ATTN: FOIA request
Dear Rollie Hawk,

Thank you and the Division staff for handling this request for public records filed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., and all applicable open records ordinances and laws.

I'm making this request as a fellow working at *Injustice Watch*, a not-for-profit journalism organization that works with students and partner news organizations to gather, study and disseminate data. I hereby request a fee waiver, as the request is being made for non-commercial purposes with the intention of journalism research in the public interest.

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Please let me know promptly if there are going to be any delays beyond the statutory deadlines, and please let me know promptly when this request has been received: I can be reached at samhart@injusticewatch.org. If any part of the request must be delayed for any reason or if some part of the request will take longer than other parts, I would appreciate if the information could come to me on a rolling basis as the documents are available, instead of waiting for the entire request to be complete before it is sent to me. I would also request records in electronic format where possible, sent to samhart@injusticewatch.org.

Because we are a journalism organization working in the public interest, I appreciate anything you can do to expedite this request. If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at (432) 413-4580. Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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