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Mr. Sinyangwe,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your March 19, 2024 records request to the Payette County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for records regarding law enforcement and more specifically, incidents regarding use of force and civilian complaints from 2017 to 2022. Your request has been reviewed by the civil division of the Payette County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the following is PCSO's response.

With regard to your requests relating to incidents of use of force by law enforcement from 2017 to 2022, PCSO does not maintain this information and are not in possession of any responsive records. The only use of force that is collected in our records software is what is contained in the narrative of individual police reports, which we are then required to report to Idaho State Police.

For a report to be considered to involve use of force, the state defines it as those instances involving a discharged firearm, serious injury and/or loss of consciousness. Our software does not capture any specific type of use of force. When a police report contains use of force as stated above, PCSO then submits the report to the Idaho State Police for tracking.

Thus, PCSO is not in possession of any responsive records to your request nos. 1, 2, 7 and 8. However, PCSO retains records of individual police reports from 2017 to 2022 that may contain instance of use of force, but there is no way for us to search reports for use of force in our software. That information is not kept separately and is only in the narrative portion of each report. PCSO is willing to produce these records up on request; however, please note that some private information, such as but not limited to, dates of birth, phone numbers, addresses, and identification numbers, may need to be redacted.

With regard to your request nos. 3 – 6 pertaining to records of civilian complaints toward law enforcement, PCSO does not maintain records responsive to these requests.



Please note that grounds for denial and/or redactions of requested records may exist, and are not waived by our office. If you believe that you have been improperly denied information you've requested, you have the right to initiate proceedings in the district court of this county within 180 days from the date of the mailing of this letter to compel disclosure of that information.

Thank you and feel free to reach out with any additional questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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