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Re: Public Records Request  
Received September 26, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is in response to your public records request dated September 11, 2023. You have requested "All policies, practices, procedures, rules, or orders concerning the use of force".


The Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, codified at Section 25-61-1, provides that public records must be available for inspection by any person unless otherwise provided by this act. Section 25-61-12(2)(a) specifically exempts investigative reports in the possession of a law enforcement agency. Section 25-61-3(f) defines an investigative report as:

Records of a law enforcement agency containing information beyond the scope of the matters contained in an incident report, and generally will include, but not be limited to, the following matters if beyond the scope of the matters contained in an incident report:

- (iv) Records that would disclose investigatory techniques and/or results of investigative techniques;
- (vi) Records that would endanger the life or safety of a public official or law enforcement personnel.

Your request is denied due to the contents of the request being exempt as an investigative report.

Sincerely,



Chief J. Toby Schwartz  
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