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MuckRock News
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Dear Mr. Welsh and/or MuckRock News,

We received your response to our reply which narrowed your request to “the final 50 emails sent from each of the two accounts prior to Attorney Bird leaving her office in Guthrie County”. Your reply also inquired as to the feasibility of completing said request without a fee.

Given your significantly narrowed request, we believe that we can fulfill that request without a fee. In fulfilling that request, we will have to apply Iowa Code § 22.7 to ensure we are not disclosing any confidential records. Particularly, Iowa Code § 22.7(4) prohibits disclosure of “records which represent and constitute the work product of any attorney”. Given the nature of our office’s work in the prosecution of criminal cases in Guthrie County, it’s anticipated that many of those emails would contain confidential records, particularly as they relate to Iowa Code § 22.7(4).

Our office has a number of trials and hearings scheduled in the immediate future. We anticipate that it will take one month to fulfill your request.

Sincerely,

/s

Dana R. Minter