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July 27, 2020

Good Citizen
Via Muckrock.com
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RE: Public Records Request – Louisiana Public Records Law Request: sUAS,
Part 107, and "drone" records

Dear Sir:

You are correct that the query I conducted of your keywords was on our incident report/complaint database. I have since searched the two (2) additional keywords 'suas' and 'part 7' at your request. Neither of these keywords produced any additional results in incidents or complaints.

With regard to item #2, I cited several emails from the FFA relative to registering our Office owned drone in my response dated July 22, 2020. I have expanded this search to include the training records for any schools our deputies might have attended and have about 20 pages of internal training documents and brochures from the classes. In addition, all of our P.O.S.T. certified deputies are required to take a continuing education seminar each year hosted by retired Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Harmon Drew and his wife Jean. The Drew's seminar hits the high points of changes in the law in Louisiana over the previous year. It is my understanding that 'unmanned aircraft' was very briefly discussed in the recent seminar. You may obtain a copy of their 2020 True Blue Drew Book from his website at www.drewlawbooks.com.

The second part of item #2 relative to 'records detailing LPSO's decision making when dealing with "drone offenses"' would indicate to me you request a copy of our Policy and Procedure Manual relative to drones. Again, we do not currently have anything in our Policy and Procedure Manual on the subject of drones owned by the office or specific to handling drone incidents/complaints. Your keywords do not appear in our Policy and Procedure Manual anywhere.

The last part of item #2 references emails, phone calls, and text messages 'to obtain guidance whether it be for prosecution or education'. First, our office does not log

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phone calls or text messages of deputies. We do record all phone calls that come into our dispatch or 911 center placed by the public requesting assistance. If a deputy called into the dispatch center there would be a recording of that call but you would have to be more specific as to the date and time of the call. Also, I'm sure we probably have audio files for most of the incident reports that I cited in my first response if you would like them. The normal fee for audio files is \$5.00 for the disc and \$1.00 for each separate audio file. You have requested electronic delivery so it would just be \$1.00 per audio file if you accept electronic delivery.

I have not confirmed, but I suspect we might have in-car video on a few of the incidents if a deputy responded to the scene. The cost of video is \$6.00 per disc. Video cannot be provided electronically.

With regard to emails, I have searched our patrol deputies and investigators email boxes for your keywords and all the emails that are currently subject to Louisiana Revised Statute Title 44 – Louisiana Public Records Law are cited above.

If you wish to proceed let me know which documents you would like and I will prepare you an invoice. Once payment is received I will forward the documents to you. As stated before most documents can be submitted electronically, some can't. You would need to provide an address with your remittance of where to forward those that can't be submitted electronically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Rainwater", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael P. Rainwater
Deputy Sheriff
Records Custodian

MPR:jjp