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December 15, 2020

[sent via email]

Gerardo Flores

myrefundclaim@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Flores:

Please consider this our response to your attached Freedom of Information Act request, received via email on December 9, 2020 and summarized below:

*All records, which identify dollars that you are holding on accounts that are owed to citizens, companies, and/or corporations. This list may be called, but not limited to Unclaimed Funds, Open Items, Open Warrant List, Check Reconciliation List. We are interested in tax lien surplus, tax lien overpayments, mortgage foreclosure proceeds, mortgage foreclosure overage, and foreclosures surplus balance sheets. We ask that this information include the payee's name, last known address, dollar amount owed, check number, and all other information that identifies the payee. Please also include property tax overpayment in this list. If possible, only show dollar amounts greater than \$1000.00.*

We have neither custody nor possession of records responsive to your request.

We consider your request completed. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rollie Hawk  
Public Information Officer  
Union County State's Attorney's Office  
rhawk@unioncountyil.gov

Enclosure

Cc: Tyler E. Tripp, State's Attorney  
Leigh Burns, Treasurer  
Lance Meisenheimer, County Clerk

**From:** Gerardo Flores <myrefundclaim@gmail.com>  
**Date:** December 9, 2020 at 1:16:42 PM CST  
**To:** Lance Meisenheimer <lmeisenheimer@unioncountyl.gov>  
**Subject: Foreclosure Excess Funds**

Dear Governmental Agency,

Pursuant to your state public records law, we request that your agency supply us with the following:

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Under your state public records law, all public records shall be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Upon request, a person responsible for public records shall make copies available, within a reasonable period. The Privacy Act does not restrict access to records that are public. Unless made confidential by law, all records maintained by a governmental agency that is necessary to the agency's execution of its duties and responsibilities are public records. A governmental body refusing to release records has the burden of proving records exempted from disclosure. Please waive any applicable fees. The release of the information is in the public interest because it will significantly contribute to the public's understanding of government operations and activities.

If our request is denied in whole or in part, we ask that you justify all deletion by referencing the specific exemptions of the act. We will also expect you to release all segregate portions of otherwise exempt material. We, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold information or to deny a waiver of fees.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would communicate through email if you have any questions regarding this request. I look forward to your reply within 3 business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gerardo Flores