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January 30, 2021

[sent via email]

Robert Smith

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Please consider this our response to your attached Freedom of Information Act request, received via email on January 4, 2021 and summarized below:

- (1) *The name and zip code of every Illinois resident arrested, ticketed or otherwise cited for any violations of Illinois drug laws, from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020 excluding minors. Please include the violation as well as the date of the violation.*
- (2) *The name and zip code of every Illinois resident arrested or cited for any alcohol violations from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020 excluding minors. Please list the violation, included but not limited to DUI, open containers, public drinking and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, as well as the date of the violation.*
- (3) *The name and zip code of every Illinois resident arrested or cited for violation of Illinois gun laws beginning January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020 excluding minors. Please list the violation as well as the date of the violation.*
- (4) *The name and zip code of any person or business arrested, ticketed or otherwise cited for violating covid-19 regulations from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 if any. Please list the violation and the date of the violation.*
- (5) *The name and zip code of any Illinois resident arrested, ticketed or otherwise cited for any activities related to the civil rights protests during calendar year 2020, including but not limited to looting, burglary, disorderly conduct, violations of curfew, battery to police officers, trespassing and destruction of property. Please list the violation and the date of the violation.*
- (6) *If it applies, the names and zip codes of any Illinois resident who received a camera ticket from your jurisdiction from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020. Please list the date of the infraction.*

On January 9, 2021, we invited you to narrow your request as summarized below:

Upon review of your request, we have determined it to be categorical in nature. In consultation with Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel, we have determined there is no ability in the Sheriff's records management system to export the information requested. To provide you with the requested information would be unduly burdensome as it would require either the manual review and redaction of thousands of pages of records or the manual review of thousands of pages of records and the creation of a new public record.

As such, we invite you to narrow your request in order to reduce it to manageable proportions.

As we have received no response to our invitation to narrow your request so that it falls within manageable proportions, we are denying your request. Please be advised of the following:

- (1) We are denying your request in accordance with Section 3(g) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/3(g)) as it is categorical in nature and compliance would unduly burden the operations of the Union County Sheriff's Office.
- (2) Public Information Officer Rollie Hawk and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel are the persons responsible for this denial.
- (3) You have the right to review by the Public Access Counselor. Her contact information is below.

Sarah Pratt
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Phone: 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642)

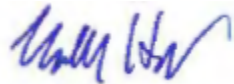
Fax: (217) 782-1396

E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

- (4) You have the right to judicial review of this denial under Section 11 of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/11).

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

Sincerely,



Rollie Hawk
Public Information Officer
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Enclosure

Cc: Tyler E. Tripp, State's Attorney
Scott Harvel, Sheriff

From: Robert Smith [mailto:robert.smithchicago@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 12:30 AM
To: Robert Smith
Subject: foia

Under the Illinois FOIA law, I am requesting the following:

The name and zip code of every Illinois resident arrested, ticketed or otherwise cited for any violations of Illinois drug laws, from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020 excluding minors. Please include the violation as well as the date of the violation.

The name and zip code of every Illinois resident arrested or cited for any alcohol violations from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020 excluding minors. Please list the violation, included but not limited to DUI, open containers, public drinking and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, as well as the date of the violation.

The name and zip code of every Illinois resident arrested or cited for violation of Illinois gun laws beginning January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020 excluding minors. Please list the violation as well as the date of the violation.

The name and zip code of any person or business arrested, ticketed or otherwise cited for violating covid-19 regulations from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 if any. Please list the violation and the date of the violation.

The name and zip code of any Illinois resident arrested, ticketed or otherwise cited for any activities related to the civil rights protests during calendar year 2020, including but not limited to looting, burglary, disorderly conduct, violations of curfew, battery to police officers, trespassing and destruction of property. Please list the violation and the date of the violation.

If it applies, the names and zip codes of any Illinois resident who received a camera ticket from your jurisdiction from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020. Please list the date of the infraction.

None of the information obtained will be used for any commercial purpose. Please provide the information in electronic format, preferably an Excel spreadsheet.

Thank you and Happy New Year

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