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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Attorney Diaz:

Orange County State's Attorney's Office values our relationships with our agency and community partners. We take seriously our role in protecting public safety, promoting accountability, and preserving a peaceable and dignified community. We strive at all times to act with kindness, fairness, and humility, recognizing that we are all neighbors and that today's defendant may be tomorrow's victim, or next week's witness, or next year's juror, or perhaps someday a foster parent who provides a loving and safe home for a child in need.

As a small office, we are able to consider and discuss each case on its own merits, and as such do not have any written policies regarding the matters set forth in the public-records request. At all times, though, our work is informed and guided by both the letter and spirit of Vermont's laws and procedures and rules of professional conduct, together with professional standards established by such organizations as the American Bar Association. I am happy at any time to discuss our philosophies.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Dickson Corbett".

H. Dickson Corbett
Orange County State's Attorney