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Mr. Ray Stern:

On October 3, 2007, I provided an initial response to your public records requests dated October 2, 2007. This message is an additional response to that request.

I have completed my research of Deputy Douglas Matteson's e-mail account. As Deputy Matteson acts upon media inquires received from the SheriffsMediaRelations@MCSO.Maricopa.Gov e-mail box, those records are being provided. Deputy Matteson acts upon each message received into his box and then permanently deletes the material. Therefore, I was not able to locate and identify additional responsive records. With that being stated, I have completed the research for public records responsive to this particular series of records requests.

Approximately 1,300 records exist and are available for inspection and/or purchase; in all, there are 1,363 pages.

The fee per page is fifty cents, an amount established over a decade ago, and determined to be fair and reasonable by the Maricopa County Superior Court. However, I am informing you that I will seek legal counsel regarding the excessive number of records requests being submitted by the new times writers (~1,860 in your two most recent series.)

It is my intent to recover the taxpayer dollar for all costs permitted under the Arizona public record laws. So, it is my position that in addition to the supply and equipment costs, the Sheriff's Office should collect legitimate personnel costs incurred during the production of responsive records.

I will inform you if my recommendation is affirmed.

Currently, the records to be released are being processed, and I will inform you when you may contact the law offices of Iafrate and Associates to arrange an inspection, or purchase of those records.

Captain Paul Chagolla
Media Relations Commander
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