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OF FLORIDA

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Mr. Eliot Ivan Bernstein  
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Re: Public Records' Request

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

I am in receipt of your revised public records' request dated May 10, 2016 wherein you requested to the Palm Beach County Sheriff, pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 119, the opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that relate to the following cases:

- 502012CP004391
- 502015CP001162
- 502014CA014637
- 502011CP000653
- 502014CP003698
- 502014CP002815
- 502015CP002717
- 502014CA014637

You additionally requested any and all documents including:

- Case reports
- Case notes
- Judicial notes
- Judicial calendars
- Administrative records
- Audio/video recordings associated (sic)
- Documents and exhibits entered as evidence
- Phone records regarding these case matters
- Everything that is publically available for inspection
- Copies for all parties who have had any involvement in these cases
- The entire case

While the heading of the request was addressed to the Palm Beach County Sheriff, the letter was sent to Court Administration. Please be advised that Florida Statute 119.07 does not apply to the judiciary. See, Times Publishing Co. v. Ake, 660 So.2d 255 (Fla. 1995) (the judiciary, as a coequal branch of government, is not an "agency" subject to supervision or control by another coequal branch of government). Thus, all public records requests made to the judiciary are complied with in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420 and the circuit's Administrative Order 2.304.

Court administration maintains administrative records of the judicial branch while the Clerk and Comptroller's office maintains court records of the judicial branch.

The following are court records maintained by the Clerk and Comptroller's Office and therefore the following requests should be directed to that office:

- Request to inspect and copy court files
- Documents and exhibits entered as evidence
- The case file

Audio/video recordings of electronically recorded court proceedings are administrative records and requests can be made online at:

<http://15thcircuit.co.palm-beach.fl.us/web/programs/transcript-app>.


While judicial notes and other materials of a similar nature prepared by judges or court staff acting on behalf of or at the direction of the court as part of the court's judicial decision-making process may be deemed administrative records, such records are confidential and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(1).

As for your remaining requests, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(m)(1) requires that the request provide sufficient specificity to enable the custodian to identify the requested records. Your request for the documents listed below is not sufficient for me to determine whether the request is for administrative or court records nor does it provide a time period or the names of the court employee/judge whose records are sought.

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Upon receipt of a more detailed description of the documents sought, the public records request will continue to be processed.

Sincerely,

  
Amy S. Borman