From: Mishaan, Jessica

To:

Subject: response to public records request

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019 3:01:16 PM

Attachments: 2019-02-22 London response to Connover w docs.pdf

Mr. Connover,

Please find the attached response to your public records request.

Thank you,

Jessica Mishaan | Paralegal

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Bill Connover *Via email*

February 22, 2019

Dear Mr. Connover:

I write in response to your public record act request dated February 7, 2019, and regarding communications between Attorney General Donovan and Kiah Morris from July 1, 2018 to the present.

Attached please find records in response to your request.

Personal contact information and other personal information regarding Ms. Morris, her family, and other third parties has been redacted and withheld pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7). See, e.g., Trombley v. Bellows Falls Union High School, 160 Vt. 101, 110 (1993) ((c)(7) exempts from public disclosure personal documents that "reveal intimate details of a person's life, including any information that might subject the person to ... harassment ... or loss of employment or friends").

In addition, information that: "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy," "would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication," and "could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings," has been withheld and redacted pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5)(A)(i)-(iii).

If you feel information has been withheld in error, you may appeal to Deputy Attorney General Joshua Diamond.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah E.B. London
Sarah London
Assistant Attorney General

Donovan, Thomas

From:

Kiah Morris <

Sent:

Thursday, September 6, 2018 6:23 AM

To:

Donovan, Thomas; mjohnson@leg.state.vt.us

Subject:

Attachments:

Evidence Record.jpg; Public 1.jpg; Public 3.jpg; Public 2.jpg; Public 4.jpg; Public 5.jpg;

Public 6.jpg

Good Morning,

Attached is the

Kiah Morris

7 PAGES OF ATTACHMENTS WITHHELD PURSUANT TO 1 V.S.A. § 317(C)(5) AND (7)

Donovan, Thomas

From:

Kiah Morris <

Sent:

Thursday, December 20, 2018 2:35 PM

To:

Donovan, Thomas; Kranichfeld, Bram; Scherr, David;

Subject:

Re:

Attachments:

Evidence Record.jpg

Good afternoon,

TEXT AND 1-PAGE ATTACHMENT WITHHELD PURSUANT TO 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5) AND (7)

Kiah Morris

On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 6:22 AM Kiah Morris < Good Morning,

> wrote

Attached is the

Kiah Morris

Donovan, Thomas From: Kiah Morris <</td> > Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:22 AM To: Scherr, David; Donovan, Thomas Subject: Fwd: White Supremacist Propaganda in Burlington Attachments: 20190108_192636.jpg; 20190108_122326.jpg; 20190108_151932.jpg; 20190108_ 122259.jpg; 20190108_121725.jpg

Good Morning,

Please see the email below that I received from

this morning.

Kiah Morris

From: Kiah Morris < Posterior Fundamental Propaganda in Burlington To:

------Forwarded message -----From:
Date: Thu, Jan 10, 2019 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: White Supremacist Propaganda in Burlington

Please see below and attached pics.

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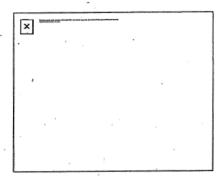
Donovan, Thomas

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Kiah Morris < Sunday, January 13, 2019 8:21 PM Scherr, David; Donovan, Thomas Fwd: Press Conference with Kiah Morris & Attorney General TJ Donovan
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Forwarded message	

From: Shay Totten, Rights & Democracy < info@radvt.org > Date: Sun, Jan 13, 2019 at 8:08 PM

Subject: Press Conference with Kiah Morris & Attorney General TJ Donovan

To: Kiah Morris <



Kiah -

I am writing Rights & Democracy members and allies in Bennington County to let them know two things:

First, there is a press conference tomorrow — Monday, January 14th at 11AM — with Attorney General TJ Donovan and Kiah Morris. The Attorney General will discuss his office's findings resulting from the investigation into the ongoing harassment against Morris and her family.

The press conference will be held at the Congregation Beth EL Administrative Building, <u>107 Adams</u> <u>Street</u> in Bennington.

Second, despite any rumors you may have heard there will NOT be a protest at the event.

Aside from Attorney General Donovan and Morris, there will be additional speakers, from local elected officials to religious and civil rights leaders.

I hope you'll come to the event, join with Morris and others in solidarity, and commit to taking on this hard and important work that lay ahead of us—in our communities and across the state.

In Solidarity,

Shay Totten

Rights & Democracy

This email was sent to Donate online today! Rights & Democracy Project

You can also keep up with Rights & Democracy on Twitter or Facebook.

Created with NationBuilder, software for leaders.

Kiah Morris

Text messages between Kiah Morris and TJ Donovan

12/20/18

3:14 pm

KM: https://www.facebook.com/4976647303064786/posts/1446066075524642/

Click link to see the vice video

12/30/19

9:47 am

KM: BFP print edition came out today. Online released on 1/2

[Screen shot of BFP front page]

KM: I haven't seen it. We don't get print edition

1/11/19

6:44 pm

[Screen shot of text exchange between unknown persons:]

KM: Wonder where this guy would have gotten information?

KM:

15 mins

KIAH MORRIS UPDATE

Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan will hold a press conference Monday morning to reveal facts and findings in the case of former state representative Kiah Morris. From what I understand the truth won't be pretty for Kiah and her husband James.

State computer forensics experts investigated one of the family's laptops -- to the chagrin of James -- and the word will be that Kiah did not receive death threats as she has claimed in one media outlet after another ... telling the world that she quit her gig as 2-term state rep because of the repeated death threats. From what I understand, Kiah was told in October that the death threats were not real ... so why did she spend months perpetuating the falsehood which in turn gave Bennington and the state a bad name?

The press conference starts at 11 o'clock in front of Temple Beth El on North Street.

1/11/19

8:27pm KM: Thanks for the call. 1/12/19 8:49 PM KM: Saw your call. Sorry! I have been on the run all day. There is no walk out planned. TJD: Hang in there! Talk tomorrow. 1/14/19 6:41 pm KM: From my friend 1/18/19 12:12 pm KM: Sorry, I can't talk right now. 2/7/19 2:23 pm KM: Hopping on a train but got this from my husband: When you get a call from TJ please update me.

2/18/19

12:40 pm

KM: Hey there, saw you called. I am in a public place for the next few hours. Do you want to connect later today?

Group text with David Scherr, Kiah Morris and TJ Donovan
1/11/19
11:47 am KM: Hello, attorney Tom Jacobs who is Chair of the Select Board is willing to speak on behalf of the town at the press conference. He also does not feel that either the chief or the town manager should provide commentary and that he is the appropriate one to do so. His number is
1/16/19
8:24 am

KM: