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Liam Elder-Connors VPR Reporter 365 Troy Avenue Colchester, VT 05446

RE: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Dear Mr. Elder-Connors,

In order to narrow the field of your Public Records Request, I have compiled a list of the records which are available for inspection and that list is attached. As I noted in our conversation, the records in this case file are voluminous largely due to the number of officers involved and the complexity of the operation. Please let me know at your convenience which records that you wish to inspect.

The Office of the Attorney General has recently adopted a policy for the inspection of public records. I will forward that to you with this letter.

If you would like to discuss this matter or further refine your request before inspection, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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### Records Available For Inspection

911 recordings

911 call zips

911 inquest documents

Case Report

Communication logs

Vermont Certificate of Death

Probation violation complaint

Search warrant/920 Gage Road

Inmate summary

Search warrant corrected/920 Gage Road

Discovery submission form

Recorded interviews of law enforcement officers involved

Video recorded interview of Matthew Tarricone

Video recorded interview of Neil Carey

Crime Scene Search Team (CSST) Supervisor Report

CSST scene photos

CSST scene video

CSST vehicle photos

CSST member reports

CSST vehicle photo log

CSST digital device collection form

CSST evidence collection form

Scene security handwritten log

Scene security log

Scene security report

Google image map

Weather report

Charging affidavit for Potwin

Vermont forensic laboratory request

Property report

Sworn statement forms

Maps of area

List of persons involved

Crisis negotiator notes

Round count notes

Witness list

Potwin arrest warrant

Law incident tables

VSP trooper reports

Assisting law enforcement officer reports

Round count report

Search warrant/896 Gage Road

Preservation letters

Return of service/920 Gage Road VSP Press release Officer safety bulletin FBI report Round count photos Timeline of events WatchGuard videos Scene photo log From: <u>Liam Connors</u>
To: <u>Barkus, Paul</u>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 1:05:19 PM

Hi Paul,

I got the records today, thanks for the help on this.

Liam

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From: "Paul Barkus" <paul.barkus@vermont.gov>

**To:** "Liam Connors" < lconnors@vpr.org> **Sent:** Friday, December 6, 2019 11:47:30 AM

Subject: RE: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Good morning Liam, Your PRA request is being mailed to you today. If you need anything further, please let me know. Have a good weekend. Paul

From: Barkus, Paul

**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2019 4:01 PM **To:** Liam Connors < lconnors@vpr.org>

**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

OK. Have a good weekend Liam. Best, Paul

From: Liam Connors < lconnors@vpr.org>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Barkus, Paul < paul.barkus@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Ok, well let's go with the Supervisor's report then instead of the trooper reports for now.

Thanks Liam

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From: "Paul Barkus" < paul.barkus@vermont.gov>

To: "Liam Connors" < <a href="mailto:lconnors@vpr.org">lconnors@vpr.org</a>>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019 10:57:40 AM

### Subject: RE: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Hi Liam,

I apologize for the late reply. I have been out of state since last Friday.

I think that you picked out documents that will give you a good outline of the incident, but there are quite a few VSP trooper reports (over 40) and many that you may find less than informative. I believe that the CSST Supervisor Report is a very comprehensive overview of the incident and I can

include it if you wish.

There has been a clarification/update on the AGO's Policy for public records requests and I have attached it.

Let me know if you have any concerns in complying with that policy.

Best,

Paul

From: Liam Connors < lconnors@vpr.org>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 12:39 PM
To: Barkus, Paul < paul.barkus@vermont.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Hi Paul,

As it turned out, last week ended up being pretty busy for me as well. In any case, to start off I'd like to see the following:

VT Death Certificate Charging Affidavit for Potwin VSP Trooper Reports Assisting Law Enforcement Officer Reports Timeline of Events

Thanks, Liam

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From: "Paul Barkus" < paul.barkus@vermont.gov>

**To:** "Liam Connors" < <a href="mailto:lconnors@vpr.org">lconnors@vpr.org</a> **Sent:** Saturday, October 19, 2019 6:56:36 AM

Subject: Re: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Hi Liam,

I am in trial this week and may not be able to quickly respond, but I look forward to working with you.

Best,

Paul

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From: Liam Connors < lconnors@vpr.org>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 8:22:11 PM
To: Barkus, Paul < paul.barkus@vermont.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Hi Paul,

Thanks for sending this along. I'll take a look and figure what I want to take a look at.

Liam

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From: "Paul Barkus" < paul.barkus@vermont.gov>

**To:** "Liam Connors" < lconnors@vpr.org> **Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 8:04:09 PM

**Subject:** Public Records Request - OIS/Jeremy Potwin

Hi Liam,

Attached is the list of records that you requested. I have also included the Office of Attorney General's protocol for the inspection of public records.

If you would like to discuss your request to inspect, I believe that I may be able to assist you further by identifying the records which will give you the most comprehensive and complete overview of the incident.

Have a great weekend,

Paul

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