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**Subject:** Vermont Public Records Request - Cost Estimate  
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**Attachments:** [2021-04-16 Clark PRA Cost Estimate to Pandya.pdf](#)

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Please find attached a cost estimate for your request for public records.

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Via email to [REDACTED]

April 16, 2021

Bruce Pandya

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Plainfield, VT 05667

Re: Vermont Public Records Act request, dated April 2, 2021

Dear Mr. Pandya:

I write with a cost estimate for your Vermont Public Records Act (PRA) request received by the Attorney General's Office (AGO) on April 2, 2021. You requested:

[A]ll correspondence between Attorney General T.J. Donovan and Chittenden County State's Attorney Sarah George regarding the following criminal cases:

1. Aita Gurung
2. Louis Fortier

Pursuant to the PRA, 1 V.S.A. § 316(c)(1), a public agency may charge requesters of public records for the cost of complying with the request. The first 30 minutes of time involved with complying with the request is free. We estimate that the total time for the AGO to comply with your request is 90 attorney minutes and 60 staff minutes. Using the [Uniform Charges Schedule](#), and subtracting the first 30 minutes of time, the cost estimate for this request is \$61.20.

As you consider whether to move ahead with your request, I want to let you know that the AGO is currently handling pending criminal cases against Aita Gurung and Louis Fortier. As such, some, and possibly most, of the records responsive to your request could be exempt from the PRA under 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5).

We will wait to hear from you before we taken further steps. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Charity R. Clark  
Chief of Staff

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Dear Mr. Pandya:

I understand that you have decided to move ahead with the PRA request. I will now review all potentially responsive records to determine whether they are responsive and whether any are exempt under the PRA, redact any records as needed, and produce the responsive, non-exempt records to you along with the actual cost of complying with your request. Once I inform you of the actual cost, please send a check made out to the State of Vermont to my attention at the address below. I will produce the records to you in pdf format via email.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Charity

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I'd like to move forward with the request. How can I pay the cost?

Thanks,

Bruce Pandya