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September 17, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

To: Vince Conti Town Administrator Town of Berlin 108 Shed Rd Berlin, VT 05602

RE: September 16, 2021, Public Records Request

Dear Conti:

I am writing in response to your request for records, which the Vermont Attorney General's Office ("AGO") received on September 16, 2021.

<u>Request</u>

You have requested the "AG report re: Officer Strock Shooting/Suicide."

<u>Response</u>

The report that you requested is not available for inspection or disclosure pursuant to the following statutory exceptions:

1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(4) - Records which, if made public pursuant to the PRA, would cause the custodian to violate any statutory or common law privilege other than the common law deliberative process privilege as it applies to the General Assembly and the Executive Branch agencies of the State of Vermont. Please see Rule 502 (Lawyer-Client Privilege) and Rule 510 (Waiver of Privilege and Work-Product by Disclosure) of the Vermont Rules of Evidence. Please see Rule 26(b)(4)-(6) of the Vermont Civil Rules of Procedure and Rule 16(d)(1) of the Vermont Rules of Criminal Procedure (Attorney Work-Product Privilege/Doctrine).

Please be advised that to the extent that this letter constitutes a denial of your request, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General. Any appeal should be in writing and addressed to:

Joshua Diamond Deputy Attorney General 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609-1001.

Sincerely,

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