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Good afternoon Mr. Roberts,

Please see the attached letter regarding your public records request for transcripts in State v. Forte, Docket No. 1031/2/3-7-87 BnCr.

Take care,

Sophie Stratton

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Re: December 27, 2021, Request for Trial Transcripts in State v. Leonard Forte

Docket No. 1031/2/3-7-87 BnCr

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Office of the Attorney General is in receipt of your December 27, 2021, email request for the trial transcripts in the above-referenced case and the attached denial by the Attorney General of your request in February of 2020.

This matter is still an open pending criminal case until it is dismissed by the Court. Therefore, the same exemptions from public record disclosure remain valid until the case is dismissed. Once this status has changed, you may resubmit your request for the transcripts and we will respond according to the Vermont Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. §315-320.

Please note that Assistant Attorney General Sophie Stratton will be the point person on any further requests for public records pertaining to this case. Linda Purdy is now a Deputy State's Attorney and the two offices are collaborating and coordinating these efforts.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sophie Stratton
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/s/ Linda Purdy Linda Purdy. Deputy State's Attorney