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***By Email Transmission***

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Ryan Johnson

Re: ***In regard to Public Information Request received by the Elm Ridge Police Department on April 8, 2026, from Ryan Johnson.***

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is intended to address the Public Information Request received by the Elm Ridge Police Department (the "PD") from you on April 8, 2026.

The purpose of this letter is to address your email to Mirta Calixto of our Firm, on Saturday, April 18, 2026, and your email to Brandon Kennedy and Mike Massingill on Monday, April 20, 2026.

**Saturday, April 18, 2026, Email to Mirta Calixto**

The PD acknowledges that you have accepted the charges that it laid out in its Thursday, April 16, 2026, letter addressed to you. First, the PD wants to make it known that you failed to follow clear instructions that any response to the Cost Estimate needed to be sent directly to the email address provided for the PD with me copied. Instead, you sent the email only to my paralegal who forwarded it to me the morning of Monday, April 20, 2026. In addition to not following instructions, you made a demand to stop the clock and to provide payment instructions by the close of business that Saturday. How ironic it is to give instructions/make demands when you refuse to follow instructions that are asked of you. Furthermore, neither the PD nor this Firm are open on weekends. To expect any response on a Saturday was ridiculous. As such, you are receiving this letter on a business day during business hours when the PD and this Firm are open for business.

You raise an issue about providing a "functional avenue to actually transmit these funds." You continue to make an uproar that "the goal is transparency and not a 'shell game' where the citizen is handed a bill and then left to guess how to pay it while a 10-day "withdrawal clock runs in the background."" Conveniently, you do not cite any provisions of the Texas Government Code that support your position that the PD needed to include things that you state the PD lacks such as: (1) a secure online payment portal link; (2) instruction on whom to make a check or money order payable to; and/or (3) confirmation if personal delivery of funds is accepted at the Savannah Boulevard location. The PD's goal in its letter was to ensure that you would be accepting the cost estimate before the PD undertook the hours necessary to provide you with the responsive information.

To resolve your perceived issue about what you believe the PD lacked in its response to you, the payment should be made to "Elm Ridge WCID". It can be mailed to Elm Ridge WCID; Attn: Records, 700 Savannah Boulevard, Savannah, Texas 76227. You may also give the payment in person at the front desk at the above-mentioned Elm Ridge WCID address. Payment may be made by check or money order. The PD does not accept payment by cash or credit/debit card.

**Monday, April 20, 2026, Email to Bradon Kennedy and Mike Massingill**

Because you received no response on a Saturday, you decided to email from the Chief and Assistant Chief that the PD has now violated the ten-day statutory window for the production of records under the Texas Public Information Act. You are, unsurprisingly, incorrect about this. You conveniently leave out that the statutory window for production of records or a request to the Attorney General's Office is ten (10) business days starting the day after the request is received, not ten (10) calendar days as you seemingly imply. Your request was received by the PD on April 8, 2026. Under the ten (10) business day deadline, the PD's response deadline for any action (in this case, releasing the records) is April 22, 2026, and the PD has never violated its deadlines under the Texas Public Information Act. However, since the PD is releasing these records, the PD must do so promptly. Promptly as defined in Section 552.221 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE means "as soon as possible under the circumstances, within a reasonable time, without delay." The PD will promptly release the records to you via email upon receipt of payment as described above after the responsive documents are gathered, screened, and any redaction is made under law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. In any future correspondence from you, ensure you include my email, [records@elmridgetx.org](mailto:records@elmridgetx.org), and cc [mcalixto@nicholsjackson.com](mailto:mcalixto@nicholsjackson.com). We are the only proper contacts for processing.

Sincerely,

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