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Matt Angle
Lone Star Project
6 E. Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: Public Information Request

Dear Mr. Angle:

This letter is in response to your public information request to the Texas Department of Public Safety (Department), which was received on June 19, 2009.

1. In your correspondence, you requested a copy of all documents relating to the purchase of DPS driver license data and records by Campaign Data Systems. The Department has reviewed its files and has found no documents responsive to your request.
2. In your correspondence, you requested a copy of all documents relating to the purchase of DPS driver license data and records by Decide Consulting. The Department has reviewed its files and has found no documents responsive to your request.
3. In your correspondence, you requested a copy of all documents relating to the purchase of DPS driver license data and records by Representative Dwayne Bohac. The Department has reviewed its files and has found no documents responsive to your request.
4. In your correspondence, you requested a copy of all documents relating to the purchase of DPS driver license data and records by Ed Johnson. The Department has reviewed its files and has found the enclosed document responsive to your request.
5. In your correspondence, you requested a copy of all documents relating to the purchase of DPS driver license data and records by David Moise. The Department has reviewed its files and has found no documents responsive to your request.
6. In your correspondence, you requested a list of all individuals and companies who have purchased Harris County driver license data and driver records from October 1, 2003 to present. The Department has reviewed its files and has found no documents responsive to your request.

Because section 521.051 of the Texas Transportation Code prohibits the Department from disclosing class-type listings (such as sorting by locations, race, sex, or age) from the basic driver license record file to any person, the Department has no list of individuals or companies who purchased Harris County driver license information. However, giving a good faith interpretation of your request as anticipated by the Texas Public Information Act, enclosed is a current list of all individual and company purchasers of the entire bulk file, the "department's basic driver's license record file." No list of governmental entities receiving the weekly updates is compiled or retained by the Department (because we do not charge governmental entities for the records). Nevertheless a review of our online computer system confirms Harris County continues to receive the weekly updates.

7. In your correspondence, you requested a copy of the contract required to purchase DPS driver records. Enclosed are copies of our current contracts to purchase the driver records and entire bulk driver license file.

8. In your correspondence, you requested "an invoice, quote or price list for the cost of obtaining driver records for all of Harris County." The Department has reviewed its files and has found no documents responsive to your request. As mentioned above, section 521.051 of the Texas Transportation Code prohibits the Department from disclosing class-type listings from the basic driver's license record file to any person. However, Section 521.050 of the Texas Transportation Code (subject to Chapter 730 of the Texas Transportation Code) provides for the sale of the entire "department's basic driver's license record file" (which for each Texas license or identification certificate holder contains name, last address, date of birth, and license number), provides the department shall impose and collect a fee of (1) \$2,000 for the initial entire file, and (2) if the department provides a weekly update of the information on tape, \$75 for each update.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact me at (512) 424-5231.

Sincerely,



Terri Hamby,
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