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May 10, 2016

Via Email azspeak@cox.net and U.S. Postal Service

Mr. Tom Aswell
c/o Louisiana Voice
PO Box 922
Denham Springs, LA 70727-0922

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Aswell:

The Inspector General has forwarded your request, which he received by e-mail on May 5, 2016, to me for response.

Louisiana Public Records Law, specifically La R.S. 44:4.1(B)(34), recognizes as an exception to the laws pertaining to public records, the provisions of La R.S. 49:220.25 which states that, "records prepared or obtained by the Inspector General in connection with investigations conducted by the Inspector General shall be deemed confidential and protected from disclosure."

I have enclosed a copy of the Inspector General's April 15, 2016 letter to District Attorney Jerry Jones as it is a public record.

I trust that this response is sufficient.

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Joseph N. Lotwick, written in a cursive style.

Joseph N. Lotwick
General Counsel

Enclosure

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April 15, 2016

By email to yhh@4thda.org and U.S. Mail

Honorable Jerry L. Jones
District Attorney
4th Judicial District
P.O. Box 1652
Monroe, Louisiana 71210

Re: OIG File No. 16-0014-I: Margaret Allyson Campbell

Dear Mr. Jones:

At your request, the Office of State Inspector General and the Louisiana State Police conducted a joint investigation regarding allegations that Margaret Allyson Campbell, a 4th Judicial District Court law clerk, had destroyed and/or concealed records related to specific court cases and committed payroll fraud by receiving pay for services not rendered while employed at the Ouachita Parish Courthouse. Investigators assigned to this case were OIG Investigator Heath Humble and LSP Detective Ron Huey.

Investigators interviewed the complainants – an attorney and his client – as well as other local attorneys, several 4th JDC judges, the current and former Court Administrator, employees of the Clerk of Court and 4th JDC employees including law clerks and judicial assistants.

Ms. Campbell was interviewed and denied destroying or hiding any court records or pleadings. She stated that her work schedule was approved by her supervisor and that she worked the hours for which she was paid. Judge Carl Sharp supported her claim that all court documents were always available to him. He also confirmed that Ms. Campbell was a salaried employee whose hours were sometimes irregular.

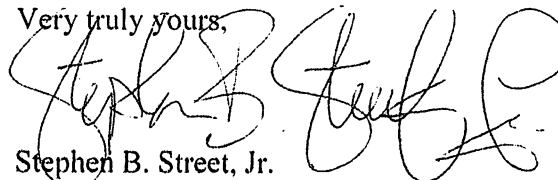
Investigators found that 4th JDC management controls did not make possible a determination of the hours Ms. Campbell worked on any given workday. Investigators confirmed that alleged violations of policy applicable to Ms. Campbell were investigated and addressed by 4th JDC authorities.

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Because the available facts do not provide sufficient cause for the arrest of Ms. Campbell for any criminal offense, we are closing our file and taking no further action in this matter.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Street, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Stephen B. Street, Jr.
State Inspector General

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