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Re: Public Records Request # 15-205

Dear Mr. Sweigart,

I am writing in response to the public records request you sent by e-mail on January 20, 2017, asking for “all Findings of Fact and decision and correlating applications for victims compensation fund for this calendar year, YTD.”

Our office does not keep a “year-to-date” list of cases. Rather, our cases are indexed as unique individual claims composed of multiple records. Thus, while we could provide you the public records related to a specifically identified claim, we do not maintain and access our records in bulk formations.

A public office has no duty to “seek out and retrieve those records which would contain the information of interest to the requester.” *State ex rel. Fant v. Tober*, 8th Dist. No. 63737 (Apr. 28, 1993); *aff’d* 68 Ohio St.3d 117, 623 N.E.2d 1202 (1993). That is, a public office is under no obligation to search for and compile records containing selected information. *State ex rel. Thomas v. Ohio State Univ.*, 71 Ohio St.3d 245, 246, 643 N.E.2d 126 (1994).

A requester must identify the records sought so that the public office can identify responsive records based on the manner in which it ordinarily maintains and accesses the public records it keeps. *State ex rel. Zauderer v. Joseph*, 62 Ohio App.3d 752, 577 N.E.2d 444 (10th Dist. 1989).

Because our office organizes these records by claimant, we would be able to retrieve the records you seek if you can provide the names of specific claimants.

If you have any questions about this response, please feel free to contact Jill Del Greco at 614-728-4946.

Very respectfully yours,

Matthew Kanai
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