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To: Ashley I. Kissenger

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Greetings,

This correspondence is in response to your request on behalf of Kenneth Rossignol, *The Chesapeake Today*, dated October 17, 2018, requesting the reversal of a previous denial to provide records regarding DUI arrest in Calvert County.

While you are correct about the initial basis stated for denying Mr. Rossignol's request, the request must still be denied. Mr. Rossignol's requests seeks information, not records. Under the MPIA, the Sheriff is only required to provide the "public records" in its custody and control as defined in GP § 4-101(j). It is not obligated to create or compile a new public record to provide the information sought in Mr. Rossignol's requests. See GP § 4-205(c). There are no existing records in the custody and control of the Sheriff that hold all the information Mr. Rossignol requests.

Pursuant to GP § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision. You also have the option to refer any concerns about this decision to the Public Access Ombudsman pursuant to GP § 4-1B-01 et seq.

Please note that the Calvert County Sheriff's Office has every intention of complying with the MPIA. Therefore, in the event you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at 410-535-1600 extension 2459 at your earliest convenience so we can discuss the matter.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Colonel Dave McDowell

Assistant Sheriff