



- \* Truth is the strongest, most stable force in the Universe.
- \* TRUTH doesn't bend to the will of tyrants.
- \* In all your getting...
- \* Get Truth.

From the desk of:  
Gordon Wayne Watts

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

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RE: Public Records Request

Dear Counselor Mallory,

I have received and reviewed your letter of June 09, 2006, in which you clarified which records are available and which records are not. **Thank you for providing me two of my three requests.** I have reviewed them, and they seem to be in good working order. While they were not the most important records in my public records request, they will prove useful in clarifying some concerns I have about the actions of certain employees of your department, but because I wish to make things simple, I wish to first procure the third record sought. Because you have indicated to me in your last letter that there exist "limitations in the technology available to the custodian of the relevant 'records' of the City of Lakeland Police Department," I shall endeavor to provide you with the "specific identifying information" you had said that you need:

**"WHAT":** I request an audio copy of a communication between me and one department dispatcher. I seek this record only.

**"WHO":** I spoke to several dispatchers before speaking to the one described below, so you may find several phone calls; However, only one dispatcher directed me to the Sergeant described *infra*. This dispatcher sounded to be a Caucasian female in her late 20's or mid-to-early 30's. Although she identified herself by badge number, it was too fast for me to transcribe. However, I can tell you she is a "long-time" dispatcher, as evidenced by the fact that she addressed me by name without my having told her who I was: We recognized each other's voices from when I had previously called LPD, probably to report a vehicular wreck or domestic disturbance in my neighborhood.

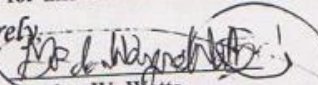
**"WHERE":** This call was from my home phone number (863-688-9880) to your main dispatch number (863-834-6900).

**"HOW":** I expressed displeasure with regard to the manner in which LPD Internal Affairs handled a recent Complaint Registration Form and asked to speak or be transferred to the Chief of Police regarding that matter. The dispatcher informed me that I must follow the "chain of command" as she put it. She instead directed me to contact a certain Sergeant in Internal Affairs during regular business hours, and, according to my records, she gave me the Sergeant's name and telephone number.

**"WHEN":** According to my records, I made this phone call on approximately late AM or early PM on Thr Jan 19, 2006. First, there were several phone calls made from my number to your intake number, where phone calls are recorded, during that time period. They are bounded on the 'early' end by Jan 17, 2006, because they were in response to a letter I received on that date. They are bounded on the 'late' end by approximately 11:11am on Jan 23, 2006, because that is the last phone call I made before I commenced my 2:30pm shift at my Security Guard job. They were in no wise made after approximately 10:30pm on Jan 23, 2006, because my attempts to report a dangerous vehicular road obstruction near my residence that evening were unsuccessful due to the Lakeland Police Department having blocked all local telephone calls from my home phone number to their main dispatch. **(In other words, the call was not before the 17<sup>th</sup> and not after the 23<sup>rd</sup>.)**

Counselor Mallory, I do not make this request lightly. The conversation in question is critical to a matter which I will be glad to share with you once I get documentation in question. I do not think this dispatcher did anything wrong, but as your records have told you, I have chapter 119 authorization. Again, in only this one conversation did any dispatcher refer me to Internal Affairs and cite the "chain of command" as the reason for this choice. If I may be of any assistance, please let me know.

With kind regards, I am, Sincerely,

  
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