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May 17, 2016

Via Email

Allison Walsh
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awalsh@prisonpolicy.org

RE: Public Information Request for statistics related to Driver License suspensions for drug offenses (PIR # 16-2609)

Ms. Walsh:

The Department received your above-referenced request on May 4, 2016. The requested information is not available in existing reports. In addition, complying with this request will substantially interfere with the Department's ongoing operations. Accordingly, the requested information can be made available only at a cost that covers the programming and manipulation of data. The requested information is currently in the driver license database. In order to provide the information requested, the Department will need to create a program to extract the information from the database. This notice is provided in compliance with section 552.231 of the Government Code.

We have determined that complying with your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds \$40. Therefore, we are providing you with the enclosed cost estimate as required by section 552.2615 of the Government Code. The estimated cost of providing the responsive records is \$128.25, as set forth on the enclosed cost estimate. These charges may be reduced if you narrow or clarify the scope of your request.

The breakdown of your request is as follows:

1. The number of driver's licenses that have been suspended for non-driving related drug offenses under Tex. Transp. Code § 521.372 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available. **It will take approximately 45 minutes of programming to extract data for the following conviction codes: 3240 – Drug Offense, 3243 – Dangerous Drug, 3245 – Controlled Substance Act**
2. The number of these driver's licenses that have been reinstated following the expiration of the suspension period and receipt of the reinstatement fee under Tex. Transp. Code § 521.372 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available: **It will take approximately 3 hours of programming to produce this information.**

3. The number of people who have been arrested for driving without a license after having their license suspended for a drug conviction under Tex. Transp. Code § 521.372 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available: **This is not available because Driver License Records only receives information concerning convictions.**
4. The current fee to reinstate a driver's license suspended under Tex. Transp. Code § 521.372 for a non-driving related drug offense. **\$100**

Your request will be considered automatically withdrawn if you do not notify us in writing within ten (10) business days from the date of this letter that you either:

- (a) accept the charges;
- (b) wish to modify your request; OR
- (c) have sent to the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General a complaint alleging that you are being overcharged for the information you have requested.

Please note that this is only an estimate. If you accept the estimated charges for the work at issue, we will prepare the responsive records and send an invoice for the actual charges. Payment should not be submitted at this time. If we believe the actual charges will exceed the estimated charges by 20 percent or more, we will provide an updated itemized cost estimate.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please submit them in writing via facsimile to (512) 424-5716, via email to OGC.Webmaster@dps.texas.gov, via mail to the address in the letterhead, or in person at our offices at 5805 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin. Thank you.

Cordially,



Brian Riemenschneider
Assistant General Counsel

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May 26, 2016

Via Email

Allison Walsh
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RE: Public Information Request for statistics related to Driver License suspensions for drug offenses (PIR # 16-2609)

Ms. Walsh:

The Department received your above-referenced request on May 4, 2016. In response to the cost estimate sent on May 17, 2016, you modified your request. Please see the enclosed invoice for \$25.65. The responsive records will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your payment. Please make your check or money order payable to the Texas Department of Public Safety and mail it to:

Texas Department of Public Safety
Attn: Office of General Counsel/Open Records
PO BOX 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0140

Please enclose a copy of the invoice or note our file number (PIR # 16-2609) on your payment to ensure proper credit. If payment is not received within ten business days, we will assume you no longer want these records, and we will close our file. However, please note that before responding to any future requests for information from you, we may require a deposit or bond for payment of unpaid amounts if the aggregate unpaid amount exceeds \$100. Gov't Code § 552.263(c).

If you prefer to pick up the records in person or via courier, you may do so by visiting our offices at 5805 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin. Please provide sufficient notice for us to prepare the records before coming to pick them up in person. In-person payments may be made with cash, check, or money order; however, please note that cash payments must be made with exact change. If you are picking the records up in person, you may subtract any shipping fees indicated on the attached invoice. We are not equipped to accept credit card payments for public information requests.

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Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Riemenschneider", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Riemenschneider
Assistant General Counsel

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June 7, 2016

Via Email

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Ms. Walsh:

The Department received your above-referenced request on May 4, 2016. The Department received your payment of \$25.65. Please find enclosed the requested records.

Year	Drug Enforcements
2010	16,573
2011	15,506
2012	15,160
2013	15,271
2014	15,118
2015	13,004
2016	3,794

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