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Ms. Newell,

This message is in response to your request for records, which I received May 2. Your request was as follows:

Pursuant to the Ark. Code Ann. Secs. 25-19-101 to 25-19-109, I write to request the following information:

1. The number of driver's licenses that have been suspended for non-driving related drug offenses under § 27-16-915 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available
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 § 27-16-915 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available
3. The number of people who have been arrested for driving without a license after having their license suspended for a drug conviction under § 27-16-915 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available
4. The current fee to reinstate a driver's license suspended under § 27-16-915 for a non-driving related drug offense

Response:

The Arkansas Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-101 through -110 (Repl. 2002 & Supp. 2013), governs public access to public records and does not, despite its name, govern dissemination of information. *See, e.g.*, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-19-103 & -105. The Department is under no obligation to create a file or record in order to respond to a request for public documents, except for converting existing electronic records into readily convertible file formats. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-105 (d) (2) (B). Additionally, a request made under the FOIA must be sufficiently specific to allow the custodian of records to locate the records sought with reasonable effort. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-105(a)(2)(C); *see also* Ark. Op. Att'y Gen. 2006-093.

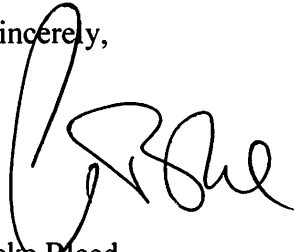
In response to the first item in your request, the data you have requested is as follows:

2013	4,762
2014	4,465
2015	4,178

This agency is unable to response to the second and third items on your request. The information you have requested is not readily accessible within the agency's databases and would require additional programming to obtain. Please note that requests for records under the FOIA must be sufficiently specific to allow the agency to locate responsive records with reasonable effort. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-105(a)(2)(C).

Finally, in response to the fourth item on your request, the current fee to restate a drivers license which was suspended under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-16-915 for non-driving related drug offense is \$100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Bleed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

Jake Bleed
Communications Administrator
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Administration