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Via Email to:

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RE: Public Records Act Request; DOJ No. 2022-01328

Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter is in response to your correspondence received by the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General (Department) on June 29, 2022, requesting records under the California Public Records Act. (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.) Specifically, you requested the following:

[E]mail communication regarding the creation and maintenance of CA DOJ firearm portal for the entire month of June, as well as the names of the people that worked on it.

On July 8, 2022, we sent you a letter extending the Department's time for response.

As you know, on June 27, 2022, the California Department of Justice learned that personal information was disclosed in connection with the June 27th release of the Department's Firearms Dashboard Portal. The Department has retained outside counsel and an outside forensic cyber expert to conduct an investigation and determine how this occurred. Outside counsel and the forensic cyber expert are reviewing documents, analyzing data, and conducting interviews of relevant personnel. When the investigation is complete, the Department will report the investigative findings to the public. We anticipate these findings will cover how the incident occurred and the steps the Department is taking to ensure that something like this does not happen again. We expect the investigation to be complete in the coming months. In response to a PRA request, the Department may withhold certain records when the public interest served by not disclosing the records clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record. (Gov. Code, § 6255.) At this time, as the investigation is ongoing, the public interest in disclosure of the records

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you requested is clearly outweighed by the public interest in facilitating an accurate and thorough investigation. (*Id.*)

Sincerely,

/s/ Public Records Coordinator

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