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February 23, 2018

George LeVines  
MuckRock News  
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RE: February 14, 2018 Public Records Request

Mr. LeVines,

In response to your February 14, 2018, public records request, directed to the Records Division of the Braintree Police Department, the initial search revealed 6418 drug entries/items logged into evidence and 1895 incident reports for Drug Law Violations.

Further, certain information within these records contain, "data relating to a specifically named individual, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy that outweighs the public interests" as well as "investigatory materials necessarily compiled out of the public view by law enforcement or other investigatory officials the disclosure of which materials would probably so prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement that such disclosure would not be in the public interest."

With respect to those documents which require redaction, the Town's initial search for the documents responsive to the request resulted in an estimated 3790 pages. The approximate cost at a minimum associated with responding to this public records request pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66, § 10(a) is as follows:

1. Search and segregation time: 63 hours @ 25.00 = \$1575.00

Accordingly, please submit payment in the amount of \$1,575.00 payable to the Town of Braintree, to my attention. Once the Town receives payment, it will begin the redaction process and notify you once it is complete. Please note that this is an estimate and any unutilized funds will be returned to you once the redaction process is complete.

Due to the size of the public records request and the amount of time necessary for search and segregation, the Town is seeking an additional 20 days to respond once payment is made.

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Please be advised that you have the right to appeal this determination to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Supervisor of Public Records at the following address:

Supervisor of Records  
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
McCormack Building, Room 1719  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DC Karen MacAleese".

Karen MacAleese  
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