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Subject: Release of Records re: Davis Vanguard Reporter Inquiry, Racial Justice Act
Attachments: Released Emails March 17 2021_Redacted.pdf; 2021 PRA Moran March 17.pdf

Hi team:

Last month we received a request re: 2020 Racial Justice Act from a student reporter out of the Davis Vanguard.

Specifically, she sent us the following email:

Dear Ms. Becton & Mr. Alonso

My name is Kelly Moran and I am currently researching an article for the Davis Vanguard covering how district attorneys are handling the 2020 Racial Justice Act. My team of interns and I expect the article will cover changes in policy, philosophy, training, etc. made with respect to this new law. Our goal is to highlight the ways DA offices have adapted and show our readers some of the tangible impacts of this new law.

I am hoping to take a look at any and all materials or communications or statements your office has about the implementation of the new law and how it has impacted cases or is expected to impact future cases. I understand it can take a while to get these records so I'd be happy to speak over the phone if that would help the process along.

I'd also love to talk with someone from the DA's Office on this matter if either of you have time for a short phone call or Zoom meeting.

We did have certain internal emails responsive to her request but we are withholding. I conferred with County Counsel on those emails. The emails we are not providing were internal guidance sent by Venus to all attorneys about the new law, internal discussions about our analysis and how to respond to specific requests.

We are providing certain emails from defense attorneys but we are redacting portions of the emails that are discussions between our staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am planning to release this later today thanks,

Scott
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