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San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department
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Public Records Act Request: PR030

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Please accept my apologies for not responding sooner. I thank you for providing copies of the Annual Rabies Activity Reports covering the calendar years 2000 through 2006.

Included in your mailer containing Annual Rabies Activity Reports was an invoice for the duplication of these reports. It appears mistakes have been made in calculating the duplication charges. A document Research Fee of \$15.00 has been listed as a chargeable item and another \$1.00 charge for the cost of duplicating an additional four pages at \$0.10 per copy. Total invoice amount: \$16.00.

Cost to duplicate an additional four pages at \$0.10 per copy should be \$0.40 rather than \$1.00.

California Public Records Act: Government Code §6250-6268 does not allow research fees to be imposed for the purpose of duplicating public records/documents. A staff person's time researching, retrieving and mailing public records/documents is not included in the direct cost of duplication. Similarly, public records are open to inspection at all times during the office hours of a state or local agency and every person has a right to inspect any public record with exceptions provided in Government Code §6250-6268. Here again, a staff person's time researching and retrieving public records/documents to satisfy a request made in person are not to be charged.

6253. (a) Public records are open to inspection at all times during the office hours of the state or local agency and every person has a right to inspect any public record, except as hereafter provided. Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be available for inspection by any person requesting the record after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law.

Annual Rabies Activity Reports for seven years has been provided. Each report contains 2 pages. A total of 14 pages were duplicated therefore, at \$0.10 per copy (per invoice) a total amount of \$1.40 should be owed rather than \$16.00. I'm enclosing a check in the amount of \$1.40 payable to the County of San Luis Obispo for the cost of duplication as required by law.

Sincerely,

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