

Exhibit F



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TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
RANKIN, MADISON COUNTIES

September 9, 2025

Delivered via electronic mail

Ms. Ayanna Hill

ahill1@aclu-ms.org

D. Korbin Felder

kfelder@ccrjustice.org

Re: Information request from ACLU

Dear Ms. Hill and Mr. Felder:

We are in receipt of your letter of August 22, 2025. Our office stands by our responses on June 27, 2025, and July 22, 2025, and the case law and/or opinions cited therein.

With regards to request 6 for “communications to or from the Rankin District Attorney’s Office between 2022 and 2024, inclusive, referring to any member of the Goon Squad,” you are already in receipt of our responsive statement to Jerry Mitchell. I was able to find the complete chain of emails responsive to your request in which Jerry Mitchell mentions the Goon Squad. These are the only responsive documents to your requests. See Bate Stamps ACLU Response No. 1-14 attached hereto.

Furthermore, simply because someone says something in “public reporting” does not make it true. Your letter cites to an article which relied upon the word of Christian Dedmon, a convicted felon who committed heinous crimes including crimes of dishonesty, that Brett McAlphin, another convicted felon, who committed heinous crimes including crimes of dishonesty, told him something about entering homes without warrants. Then

you allege that our office knew as early as 2022 that he and others were performing illegal acts. This is not factual or truthful. As such, there are no responsive records.

As previously pointed out, with regards to requests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 our office is not required to create a record that does not exist. See Mississippi Model Public Records Rules 4.4(4)(a); *Scruggs v. Caldwell*, 970 So. 2d 1298, 1299 (Miss. App. 2007); *Marshall v. Office of the District Attorney, 10th Circuit Court District*; Public Records Case No. R-19-049, Miss. Atty Gen. Opinion No. 2011-00027, Shepard (Feb. 4, 2011).

Additionally, as previously pointed out, our office does not have a “case list or similar record showing the case names and docket numbers of all cases that any member of the Goon Squad has been involved in, whether by investigating or testifying, in the last four years.”

Should you request for “similar records” be attempting to include our criminal case files rather than a list of cases which doesn’t exist, our files are criminal investigative files and any records related to those cases in our office are exempt from the Public Records Act. See Miss. Atty Gen. Opinions No. 2008-00142, 2001-0100, 2008-0130 and 2008-00112, Martin (June 6, 2008); *Jones v. Office of the District Attorney, 19th Circuit Court District*, Public Records Case No. R-19-004; *Clanton v. Office of the District Attorney, Eight Circuit Court District*, Public Records Case No. R-24-030.

This exemption applies whether a case was indicted or not. See *Jones v. Office of the District Attorney, 19th Circuit Court District*, Public Records Case R-14-00; *Cerniglia v. Mississippi Bureau of Investigation*; Public Records Case No. R-19-011.

Should your office seek court records, those are available both through the public access terminals in the Rankin County Circuit Clerk’s Office and remotely through the court’s electronic case management system. Our office is not required to search, review, duplicate and transmit records that are already open for inspection and copying. See *Roche and Roche vs. Harrison County*; Public Records Case R-24-024 citing *Fitzgerald v. Forrest County Circuit Court Clerk*, Public Records Case No. R-14-037 and *Lawson v. Smith County Chancery Clerk*, Public Records Case No. R-15-031 and Public Records Opinion R-09-007.

Sincerely,

Office of the District Attorney of the Twentieth
Circuit Court District

Kathryn Newman

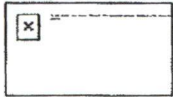
From: Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:46 AM
To: Kathryn Newman
Subject: Press request ...

Has the district attorney's office made a decision yet with regard to the review of the cases handled by members of the Goon Squad?

If so, what is that decision?

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Jerry.Mitchell@MississippiCIR.org



Kathryn Newman

From: Kathryn Newman
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 4:39 PM
To: Jerry Mitchell
Subject: Re: Question ...

You're welcome
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 15, 2024, at 4:37 PM, Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org> wrote:

Thanks very much!

On Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 4:28 PM Kathryn Newman <knewman@rankincounty.org> wrote:

Jerry:

Please see the response below from Bubba:

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our condemnation of the actions of the six former law enforcement officers in Rankin County who violated the public trust and shook the foundation of our justice system. The felony crimes committed by these six former officers obviously called into question the integrity of criminal cases in which any of them were involved. Upon learning of these crimes, my office immediately conducted an extensive review to identify any and all cases in which these officers were involved. We then reviewed each of those identified cases to determine if their testimony would be essential in the prosecution of that case. As a result, my office moved to dismiss those indicted cases and declined those cases which were not yet indicted, wherein the integrity of the investigation may have been compromised. This is an ongoing process in which we will continue to review and identify cases involving those officers and act accordingly.

Thanks,

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From: Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:40 PM

To: Kathryn Newman <knewman@rankincounty.org>

Subject: Question ...

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From: Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org>
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2024 7:54 AM
To: Kathryn Newman
Subject: Re: Question ...

Few followup questions:

How far back in time have y'all gone so far in looking at cases? How much further back do you plan to go?

How many cases have been dismissed so far? Do you happen to have the names of those whose indictments were dismissed?

Thanks very much,
Jerry

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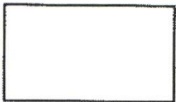
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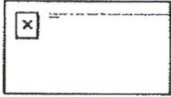
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Kathryn Newman

From: Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Kathryn Newman
Subject: Re: Question ...

Should I expect an answer on my follow-up questions?

Or should I take it that DA's office is declining to answer these questions?

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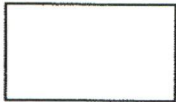
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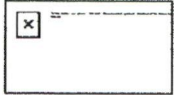
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From: Kathryn Newman
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 3:27 PM
To: Jerry Mitchell
Subject: RE: Question ...

Jerry:

As stated in our February response, this is an ongoing process in which we will continue to review and identify cases involving those officers and act accordingly.

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From: Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 8:23 PM
To: Kathryn Newman <knewman@rankincounty.org>
Subject: Re: Question ...

I understand your office has finished its review of cases involving Goon Squad members. All I need to know right now is when your office finished its review.

It's for a story I'm finishing.

On Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 11:27 AM Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org> wrote:

Can you confirm your review of the Goon Squad cases is done?

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 4:02 PM Jerry Mitchell <jerry.mitchell@mississippicir.org> wrote:

We understand your office is done now in terms of a review of these cases involving Goon Squad members.

How many cases total were dismissed?

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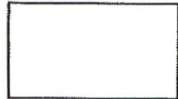
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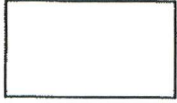
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