

From: Conrad, Donald
To: Ahler, Paul; Perkovich, Mark
Subject: RE: Janet Taylor Tanner
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 8:15:17 AM

Mark,

No, I don't think Bailey needs to hear back about this issue. In my experience, how we handle a matter like this won't concern him unless we screw it up, which we won't. While I think that Mike knows the value of a chain of command, he sometimes jumps the chain, so to speak, and makes direct assignments to, forwards matters to, or inquiries directly of members of the Criminal Division. Of course, that is his prerogative as the Chief of Staff. To the extent that he requests a direct reply, he's entitled to it.

As for other assignments or inquiries he may make or matters he may forward, I want any necessary reports to be funneled thru me. Just as you are entrusted with sifting thru the dozens of issues you see weekly to determine what should be brought to my attention, so I have been entrusted to determine what needs to go back to the front office.

From: Ahler, Paul
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 4:28 PM
To: Perkovich, Mark; Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: Janet Taylor Tanner

I will discuss it with Don. He was not copied on the letter.

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From: Perkovich, Mark
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 1:03 PM
To: Ahler, Paul
Subject: RE: Janet Taylor Tanner

When Mike Bailey is cc'd on matters such as this, does he like to hear what, if any, action was taken by staff?

From: Ahler, Paul
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 8:53 AM
To: Perkovich, Mark
Subject: FW: Janet Taylor Tanner
Importance: High

Mark,fyi.

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From: Eraka Ellison [mailto:████████@johnclincollaw.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 12:06 PM
To: Lopez, Elizabeth
Cc: Powell, Michael; Ahler, Paul; Bailey, Michael
Subject: Janet Taylor Tanner
Importance: High

Ms. Lopez,

Please see attached. The enclosures will follow via first-class certified mail.

Take care,
Eraka

Sincerely,
Eraka Ellison

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Perkovich, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: Mark Resnick Complaint
Date: Thursday, December 31, 2015 8:24:49 AM

I agree with you. Let the defense file a motion to suppress and then Doug Clark will handle a response.

From: Perkovich, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Ahler, Paul
Subject: Mark Resnick Complaint

The AGO may have received or will soon receive a complaint from Mark Resnick with the Resnick Law Group. Mr. Resnick is taking issue with the Miranda warning/rights issued his client by SA Nusbaum back in June. The AAG assigned is Douglas Clark. Since Mr. Clark is out of the office until January 4th, I was unable to get his final thoughts or opinion on the matter. However, I have listened to the audio and do not hear the "blatant" violation Mr. Resnick alleges. In fact, SA Nusbaum takes care in advising of each right and explaining it to the defendant prior to proceeding. Personally, I believe the concern of Mr. Resnick's is best handled via courtroom proceedings. I have attached the email chain if needed.

Mark

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting re: Human Trafficking
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 10:41:28 AM

Add Vince, and Mark P

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:19 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: FW: Meeting re: Human Trafficking

I'm trying to set this meeting up. Looks like it will need to be the week of 11/2; however, you told me you and Blaine. Blaine thinks the meeting is for Perkovich, Ortiz, Piano and Kelly as well? Before I add them, please let me know that is what you wanted. FYI – Ortiz is out the week of 11/2-11/16.

From: Gadow, Blaine
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:06 AM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: Meeting re: Human Trafficking

I had already reached out to Eric McLoughlin about this meeting, and he was contacting his people and they were just waiting until the search warrants that Vince Piano's group were done on Thursday, then they were going to set up a meeting with me, Don and Mark P. and possibly Vince P. and Dan Kelly, once everyone had time, probably the first week of November since I have PV coverage next week as well as a meeting in Tucson about human trafficking with Kim Ortiz and her group at some point next week.

Eric McLoughlin's number is the only one I have. His contact information is

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From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 7:49 AM
To: Gadow, Blaine
Subject: FW: Meeting re: Human Trafficking

FYI. I'm trying to set this meeting. Don would like you to join in the meeting. I noted that you have PV week that week, but perhaps we can get someone to cover for you? If a problem, let me know. Do you have phone numbers for any of these guys? Lisa

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 7:47 AM
To: 'Louie.R.Garcia@ice.dhs.gov'; 'Eric.McLoughlin@ice.dhs.gov'; 'Lon.Weigand@ice.dhs.gov';
'Juan.C.Estrada@ice.dhs.gov'
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: Meeting re: Human Trafficking

Hi there. I'm trying to schedule a meeting for Donald Conrad to meet with you to discuss human trafficking. Please let me know if you are available on 10/27, 10/28 or 10/30 in the am. Also, please let me know the address of the location you would like to meet. Don will come to your office. Thanks for your help. Lisa

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Bailey, Michael
Cc: Ahler, Paul
Subject: RE: Meeting Reminder - AG Forensic Science Advisory Committee
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 10:01:53 AM

Blaine and I will be there. I am not sure if Paul is available.

From: Bailey, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Lopez, John
Subject: FW: Meeting Reminder - AG Forensic Science Advisory Committee

Mark would like to have a good presence.

John, do you know if Lacey is planning on attending? Don, any ideas from your group?

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From: McLendon, Marna
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 11:05 AM
To: katherine.puzauskas@asu.edu; gary.kula@phoenix.gov; davidnewman@chandleraz.gov; kproctor@azdps.gov; srex@azdps.gov; sbutler@azdps.gov; myerss002@superiorcourt.maricopa.gov; gatesp@superiorcourt.maricopa.gov; Bailey, Michael; Brnovich, Mark; mmusson@azcorrections.gov; michael.oconnor@pcao.pima.gov; nancy.crump@phoenix.gov; nwade@mail.maricopa.gov; mpeoples@azcjc.gov; Ahler, Paul; penny.cramer@co.yavapai.az.us; pstevenson@azcjc.gov; richard.kastigar@sheriff.pima.gov; dlevey@pomc.org; rita.dyas@chandleraz.gov; david.theel@sheriff.pima.gov; rreinstein@courtsaz.gov; douglas.wilkey@asu.edu; sbales@courtsaz.gov; sheila.polk@co.yavapai.az.us; elizabeth.ortiz@apaac.az.gov; spopke@co.maricopa.gov; fred.ruhland@mesaaz.gov; sgarrett@scottsdaleaz.gov; snarveson@strandlabs.com; markey.iltc@gmail.com; [tagan@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto>tagan@mail.maricopa.gov); jody.wolf@phoenix.gov; tgriffith@azdps.gov; jrbblackburn@azcjc.gov; eliasonj@mcao.maricopa.gov; Todd, John; vfigarelli@azdps.gov; kathleen.mayer@pcao.pima.gov; kimberly.kobojek@asu.edu; kcattani@appeals; kalish@mcao.maricopa.gov; kimberly.meza@mesaaz.gov; matthew.binford@usdoj.gov; shearon.sexton@usdoj.gov; laherf@email.edu; luis.martinez@centralaz.edu; McLendon, Marna; sean.duggan@chandleraz.gov; frank.powell@tucsonaz.gov; kcano@scottsdaleaz.gov; mark.huntzinger@tucson.gov; Vidal, Daniel; Conrad, Donald
Subject: Meeting Reminder - AG Forensic Science Advisory Committee

As a reminder, we will be meeting this Thursday, Nov. 19th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Basement, Room B, of the Cap Center, Attorney General's Office. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Marna McLendon
Office of the Arizona Attorney General

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: meeting to view Woods' thumb drive info
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:54:51 AM

Yes, that's a better idea. See if she is coming to PHX . If not, let's look to see if we should go there.

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:52 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: meeting to view Woods' thumb drive info

I haven't set it. I was thinking you should ask Kim Ortiz. She has the most fraud experience and is a supervisor.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:40 AM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: meeting to view Woods' thumb drive info

I want to have Mary H instead of Todd for this. If you already set, cancel Todd and set Mary

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Bailey, Michael](#)
Subject: RE: Mexico Attorney General is coming to our February conference
Date: Thursday, December 31, 2015 8:21:15 AM

Yes, I would like to attend.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bailey, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 10:49 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: Mexico Attorney General is coming to our February conference

Mark is curious as to whether you have any interest in taking part in the conference?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 7:51 AM
To: Bailey, Michael; Anderson, Ryan
Subject: FW: Mexico Attorney General is coming to our February conference

This is a wonderful coup for our office. I'm sure our staff will give him some time at the podium. If you have any ideas about how to enhance the benefits of this visit, let's talk about them and give Vince and Carol marching orders.

-----Original Message-----

From: Keppler, Carol
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Conrad, Donald; Bailey, Michael; Medina, Rick; Kredit, Beth
Subject: Mexico Attorney General is coming to our February conference

Just got word from Lauren that the Mexico Attorney General, Arely Gomez Gonzalez, has confirmed her participation at our February 29th conference!! Very exciting news!!!

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Brnovich, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: Monday meeting.
Date: Monday, December 14, 2015 5:19:21 AM

I'll talk to Beth

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> On Dec 13, 2015, at 3:58 PM, Brnovich, Mark <Mark.Brnovich@azag.gov> wrote:
>
> Sorry to bug you. I've got a few meetings. But I want to catch up and chat with just you. Let's make
some time tomorrow.
>
> Attorney General Mark Brnovich
> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Moved Phil to 1:30pm today. I have an OA meeting at 2pm.
Date: Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:50:14 AM

Got to get my car no meet before 2

Get to leave by 430

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:47 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: Moved Phil to 1:30pm today. I have an OA meeting at 2pm.

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From: Rodriguez, Lisa on behalf of Conrad, Donald
To: Conrad, Donald; Ahler, Paul; Roysden, Beau; Mark Dawson (MDawson@Polsinelli.com)
Subject: RE: MTG: Bitter Smith (Review Documents)
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:13:31 PM

Don will be late for this as his AZPost meeting ran late. I have the documents. I'll give them to Paul. Don said start without him. Thanks. Lisa

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Rodriguez, Lisa **On Behalf Of** Conrad, Donald
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:10 AM
To: Conrad, Donald; Ahler, Paul; Roysden, Beau; Mark Dawson (MDawson@Polsinelli.com)
Subject: MTG: Bitter Smith (Review Documents)
When: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 1:30 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona.
Where: Conf-Rm-Law-1st-FRS

I have set this meeting for 11/18/15 @ 1:30pm in the FRS Conference Room.

Attendees:

Conrad

Ahler

Roysden

Dawson -- Paralegal, Polsinelli

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Perkovich, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: Mutual Support Agreement w/Mohave County Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, October 19, 2015 1:23:40 PM

Let's discuss at our meeting

From: Perkovich, Mark
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 11:10 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: Mutual Support Agreement w/Mohave County Sheriff's Office

In reviewing the MSA signed into between the AGO and Mohave County Sheriff's Office on 8/21/2014, I found some interesting language which addresses the topic of investigations. While I can provide a copy of the entire Agreement, I found the following excerpts to be most notable:

"This Mutual Support Agreement ("Agreement") sets forth the general understanding between the Mohave County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Attorney general's Office ("AAGO") with respect to a joint cooperative law enforcement effort, herein referred to as the Colorado City Task Force."

III. Objectives

B. To conduct coordinated responses to illegal activity in the Colorado City area.

V. Administration

"...Therefore, investigations may be jointly investigated and the parties (or designated representatives) will meet regularly to discuss investigations."

VIII. Operation

Mohave County Sheriff's Office will designate a Deputy Mohave County Sheriff who holds a supervisory position of Sergeant or higher to be the field supervisory officer. The field supervisory officer, in conjunction with any assigned Task Force attorneys, will be primarily responsible for directing and monitoring investigations related to this Task Force subject to guidelines from the participants.

XIV. Media Relations and Press Releases

Any media relations or press releases mentioning the Arizona Attorney General's Office must be approved by the Arizona Attorney general's Office prior to being issued or made.

While you may be familiar with this Agreement already, the possibility exists in response to Mr. Mann's request for an investigation to be opened, the MCSO field supervisor will call for the recent incidents involving the Colorado City Marshals to be investigated by the Colorado City Task Force which may require our involvement and participation.

Mark

Mark Perkovich

Chief Agent

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: Office Move
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 1:25:57 PM

Yes. We need to wait.

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: FW: Office Move

We need to wait on this correct?

From: Garcia, Bobbie
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 11:53 AM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: FW: Office Move

What say you?

From: Dalley, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Garcia, Bobbie
Subject: RE: Office Move

I do not think the next in line senior attys want or need to move, so unless you can think of a good reason, I approve the move.

Sincerely,

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From: Garcia, Bobbie
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:37 AM
To: Dalley, Mike
Subject: RE: Office Move

I discussed with Steve yesterday and he stated he will be staying in his current office.

From: Dalley, Mike
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 9:21 PM
To: Garcia, Bobbie
Subject: RE: Office Move

Hi, at first blush, it appears that Steve should be given first chance to move because he has more seniority. I also understand that Victoria, however, "hears" Eric through the walls. I will look into this and talk to Steve about whether he is ok with letting Victoria having that larger office.

Sincerely,

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From: Garcia, Bobbie
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 3:04 PM
To: Dalley, Mike
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: Office Move

Hi – Received a request from Victoria. She would like to move into Katrin's old office. Please advise.

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Open Source Training
Date: Monday, October 26, 2015 9:57:09 AM

When we rsvp to ACJC just say I won't be there and I don't want to send anyone.

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 7:24 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: Open Source Training

Registered you, but you have ACJC Commission meeting at 1:30pm.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:20 PM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: FW: Open Source Training

I want to go to this

From: Ahler, Paul
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Ahler, Paul; Blake, Scott; Giltner, Cynthia; Hames, Brett; Harriss, Mary; Hogan, Michelle; Kvesic, Andy; Lawson, Todd; Metz, Kalon; Powell, Michael; Quigley, Maura; Rudnick, Beverly; Waters, Joseph
Cc: Martinez, Gilda; Conrad, Donald; Perkovich, Mark
Subject: FW: Open Source Training

I have heard that this presentation is very good. She made a similar presentation to Investigations last week.

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From: Martinez, Gilda
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 12:23 PM
To: Ahler, Paul
Subject: FW: Open Source Training

Would you like me to send this to the section or only AAGs? Thx

From: Cardenas, Sandra
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 12:21 PM
To: Maya, Autumn; Martinez, Gilda; Juarez, Maride
Cc: John Maddux
Subject: Open Source Training

Please forward to your staff.

Thank you,

Sandra Cardenas

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Perkovich, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: P-2013-2537-LTR-Case Decline Letter
Date: Monday, October 26, 2015 11:12:09 AM

Sorry I didn't respond sooner. The letter is ok.

From: Perkovich, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: FW: P-2013-2537-LTR-Case Decline Letter

Don, this was the letter we discussed about sending to Michael Bailey - the attorney for the City of Glendale. We also discussed this coming from an attorney within CRM.

From: Eckert, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Perkovich, Mark
Subject: P-2013-2537-LTR-Case Decline Letter

Chief,

Case decline letter regarding COG.

Rob

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Flores, Kirstin](#)
Bcc: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: PHX-#4692362-v1-Mohave_County_Sheriff_s_Office_-_VR_Letter
Date: Monday, October 19, 2015 4:09:11 PM

Kirstin,

I'm having trouble understanding why these letters come to me with obvious errors. I quit reading when I hit the 6th line of the third paragraph and the words "the Ms. Baker..." I am not your proof reader. You and Colette need to get your act together on the matter of proofing these letters.

From: Flores, Kirstin
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 3:44 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Ahler, Paul; Chapman, Colette; Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: FW: PHX-#4692362-v1-Mohave_County_Sheriff_s_Office_-_VR_Letter

Don,

Attached please find a victims' rights violation letter for the Mohave County Sheriff's Office for your review and approval. Please let me know if you need further information on this complaint.

Thank you,

Kirstin

From: Chapman, Colette
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Flores, Kirstin
Cc: Ahler, Paul; Martinez, Gilda
Subject: PHX-#4692362-v1-Mohave_County_Sheriff_s_Office_-_VR_Letter

Dear Kirstin,

Attached is the victims' rights violation letter to the Mohave County Sheriff's Office for final review and approval. Paul has reviewed and approved.

Thank you,

Colette

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Flores, Kirstin](#)
Cc: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: PHX-#4748328-v1-Mohave_County_Attorney_s_Office_-_VR_Violation_Letter
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:10:08 PM

Send it

From: Flores, Kirstin
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:33 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: FW: PHX-#4748328-v1-Mohave_County_Attorney_s_Office_-_VR_Violation_Letter

Don,

Attached please find a violation letter to the Mohave County Attorney's Office.

Please let me know when you have reviewed/approved.

Thanks.

Kirstin

From: Chapman, Colette
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:30 AM
To: Flores, Kirstin
Subject: PHX-#4748328-v1-Mohave_County_Attorney_s_Office_-_VR_Violation_Letter

Dear Kirstin,

Attached is the VR violation letter to the Mohave County Attorney's Office for final review and approval. Paul has reviewed.

Thank you,

Colette

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Welch, Leslie](#)
Cc: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:43:44 AM

L: I don't think this bill is eligible for payment with RICO funds. The issue is retirement entitlement. I don't think that qualifies for RICO expenditures. Please help me find another source to pay these fees.

From: Welch, Leslie
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:20 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: FW: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

FYI

From: Welch, Leslie
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:20 AM
To: Buhrow, Lauren
Cc: Morgan, Lizette; Connolly, Jerry; Eckert, Robert
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

Yes, I think the chain of command would start with the Chief. I know you don't have a problem following the internal procedure. I'm guessing the current financial needs of the board are unusual, so the protocol was not clear.

From: Buhrow, Lauren
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:15 AM
To: Welch, Leslie
Cc: Morgan, Lizette; Connolly, Jerry; Eckert, Robert
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

OK, I don't have any problem following a designated path -- I just need to be informed about what that path is...since I don't know. Is it simply up my chain of command, starting with the Chief?

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From: Welch, Leslie
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Buhrow, Lauren

Cc: Morgan, Lizette; Connolly, Jerry
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

I think the core issue is that we still need to have purchasing requests go through the division approval process since the local board doesn't have budgetary authority or funds designated under its control.

From: Buhrow, Lauren
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 8:48 AM
To: Welch, Leslie
Cc: Connolly, Jerry
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

Good morning, Leslie,

I don't know what happened to it after my procurement letter went to Jerry, but it didn't go to him while it was in my hands. The order of events went from the board to Procurement. I didn't have anything to do with the contracting after it went to Jerry. However, per the statute, the fee approvals are a local board decision.

Sincerely,

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From: Welch, Leslie
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:35 PM
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To: Welch, Leslie
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Subject: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute
Importance: High

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I hope this helps you address any questions that are posed to you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lauren

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Morgan, Lizette; Welch, Leslie
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Kamaleswaran, Biju; Buhrow, Lauren
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:42:25 PM

L:

I don't know how to estimate the final cost. Sorry. Lauren is reviewing the bills and is keeping a good handle on the work being done and being billed.

From: Morgan, Lizette
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 11:16 AM
To: Welch, Leslie; Conrad, Donald
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Kamaleswaran, Biju
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

We will use either General Fund or Indirect Funds to process this bill. Is there any way we can estimate the total amount of obligation until this case is resolved? It would help ensure we are not perennially surprised when yet another bill shows up. Also, who is responsible for reviewing the invoice for accuracy, etc. we just need a point of contact. Would that be Lauren or someone else on "the board".

Lizette Morgan
Chief Financial Officer
Budget & Finance Section
Office of the Attorney General

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Mobile (602) 859-1446

From: Welch, Leslie
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Morgan, Lizette
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

D: No problem, Lizette will use a different fund source than RICO.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Welch, Leslie
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

L: I don't think this bill is eligible for payment with RICO funds. The issue is retirement entitlement. I don't think that qualifies for RICO expenditures. Please help me find another source to pay these fees.

From: Welch, Leslie
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:20 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
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Subject: FW: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

FYI

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Yes, I think the chain of command would start with the Chief. I know you don't have a problem following the internal procedure. I'm guessing the current financial needs of the board are unusual, so the protocol was not clear.

From: Buhrow, Lauren
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:15 AM
To: Welch, Leslie
Cc: Morgan, Lizette; Connolly, Jerry; Eckert, Robert
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

OK, I don't have any problem following a designated path – I just need to be informed about what that path is...since I don't know. Is it simply up my chain of command, starting with the Chief?

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I think the core issue is that we still need to have purchasing requests go through the division approval process since the local board doesn't have budgetary authority or funds designated under its control.

From: Buhrow, Lauren
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 8:48 AM
To: Welch, Leslie

Cc: Connolly, Jerry
Subject: RE: PSPRS Local Board, legal fees, statute

Good morning, Leslie,

I don't know what happened to it after my procurement letter went to Jerry, but it didn't go to him while it was in my hands. The order of events went from the board to Procurement. I didn't have anything to do with the contracting after it went to Jerry. However, per the statute, the fee approvals are a local board decision.

Sincerely,

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Redaction of Discovery and PRRs
Date: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:56:53 PM

yes

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:49 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: FW: Redaction of Discovery and PRRs

I talked to Phil about this. We could hire a PT/hourly person and use Criminal Case Processing (the fund that pays Dan). We have money there and it will not be a problem. Do you want me to set up a meeting with Zach in OVS who is currently a paid intern until 10/23?

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Ahler, Paul; Duplissis, Steve; Dailey, Mike; Alleman, Paula; Ortiz, Kim; Perkovich, Mark; Flores, Kirstin
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Conrad, Donald
Subject: Redaction of Discovery and PRRs

Recently we talked about redaction of documents and specifically about redaction of other than victim information. I am not comfortable with passing out personal information for individuals who are not victims in our discovery. Please make sure that what we pass out does not include personal information like addresses, social security numbers, bank account numbers, etc. I am considering hiring a contract person to handle redactions in the larger cases that bog us down. We'll talk more about this at our next meeting.

Donald E. Conrad
Division Chief Counsel
Criminal Division
(602) 542-3881

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: redactoin clerk
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 4:32:30 PM

Let's get him on board and wing the procedures until you have a chance to complete them.

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 1:43 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: redactoin clerk

Not going to be a problem to hire Zack. Just need to update the funding/memo. But, you wanted me to come up with a procedure to request his services. It's on my list.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: redactoin clerk

Status? Section chiefs have inquired.

Donald E. Conrad
Division Chief Counsel
Criminal Division
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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Perkovich, Mark
Subject: RE: Request for a Report
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 7:37:22 AM

I think we send the complete file. Thx.

From: Perkovich, Mark
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:58 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: Request for a Report

What if anything would you like redacted from this report? Since Babeu was the victim, can I release everything to him? The case file has a number of audio recordings, tons of screen shots images as well as 540 pages of print material.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 8:33 AM
To: Perkovich, Mark
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: FW: Request for a Report

Mark, If it's a closed investigation which it likely is, let's provide Babeu a copy.

From: Garcia, Mia
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 8:22 AM
To: Conrad, Donald; Anderson, Ryan; Bailey, Michael
Cc: Diaz, Bethany
Subject: FW: Request for a Report

fyi

From: Tim Gaffney [<mailto:Tim.Gaffney@pinalcountyaz.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Garcia, Mia; Morris, Nicole
Subject: Request for a Report

Good morning. On February 19th, 2012 Sheriff Paul Babeu requested the Arizona Attorney General's Office conduct an investigation. The investigation concluded on August 31st, 2012 and the assigned case number is P002-2012-00345. Sheriff Babeu is requesting a copy of the entire investigation. Can you please obtain a copy and either email it or let me know when it is available and I will come pick it up.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Tim Gaffney
Director of Administration, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
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Records Request: www.pinal.foiaview.com



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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Verver, Phillip; Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: Request for Increased Advocate Salaries
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 11:10:56 AM

Then let's put them in place. After all, it's Christmas!

From: Verver, Phillip
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Conrad, Donald; Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: FW: Request for Increased Advocate Salaries

Funding is available for the requested increases.

Phillip Verver
Budget Analyst
602-542-8381

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 9:26 AM
To: Verver, Phillip
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Conrad, Donald
Subject: FW: Request for Increased Advocate Salaries

Phil – Can you please review and ensure funds are available for further processing by Don? Thanks!
Lisa

From: Flores, Kirstin
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: Request for Increased Advocate Salaries

Don,

Our recently approved VOCA grant included salary increases for the victim advocates. Attached is the memo requesting and justifying the increases that needs to be approved through you, HR and Budget by ADOA.

Thank you.

Kirstin

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Dailey, Mike](#)
Cc: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#); [Garcia, Bobbie](#)
Subject: RE: Request for Pre Approval for AGO to Pay for Outside CLE for Tucson FRS AAG Naomi Claxton - Prof Tom Mauet & Michael P. Cash; Demonstrate a Commercial Case Trial; Live or via Webcast; Dec. 11; Phoenix
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 10:21:25 AM

I will approve her attendance

From: Dailey, Mike
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 10:16 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Garcia, Bobbie
Subject: Request for Pre Approval for AGO to Pay for Outside CLE for Tucson FRS AAG Naomi Claxton - Prof Tom Mauet & Michael P. Cash; Demonstrate a Commercial Case Trial; Live or via Webcast; Dec. 11; Phoenix

Don, can you pre-approve a reimbursement to FRS AAG Naomi Claxton for \$225 (She was admitted in 2012) so Naomi can secure a spot to attend the below listed CLE? Because Naomi believes the CLE will fill up fast, and one option may be for Naomi to pay for the CLE via a credit card now, and be reimbursed by the AGO later. I asked Naomi to briefly explain how her attendance will benefit her and the AGO for purposes of a formal requisition memo, but given the timing I will paste her comments here:

"This CLE is devoted to presentation of a commercial case, which, while different from forfeiture, follows many of the same twists and turns: the plaintiff is not particularly likeable or sympathetic, like the state; the criminal activity occurred months or years ago and a money judgment is sought, similar to an *in personam* case or a substitute asset case *in rem*; and, in many cases, there were many other more culpable actors who are not currently on trial, or whose property is not the subject of litigation.

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I approve her request and would like her to be able to go. I am out of the office today, but will be occasionally checking my emails. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Dailey
Chief Counsel
Financial Remedies Section

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To: Dailey, Mike
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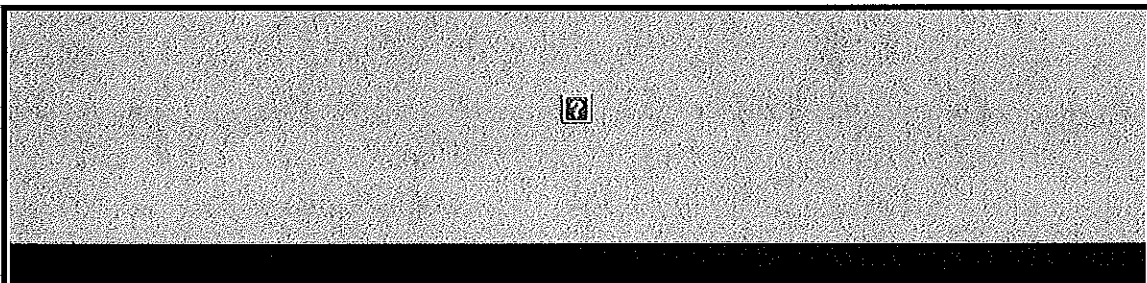
Mike: Are we permitted to attend any commercial CLE courses? This looks very relevant to the type of work that we do and, although the issue of whether forfeiture defendants are entitled to jury trials is still up for debate, I think this would be very useful.

Please let me know.

Thank you,

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From: CLE West [<mailto:harry@clewest.ccsend.com>] **On Behalf Of** CLE West
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Claxton, Naomi
Subject: Prof Tom Mauet & Michael P. Cash; Demonstrate a Commercial Case Trial; Live or via Webcast; Dec. 11; Phoenix



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- Ladies and gentlemen, prepare for mind-numbing boredom. Tell the story without stating who will testify to what. 10 minutes max.

Lay Witness Direct and Cross Examination

- Hard Cross v. Soft Cross
- Control
- Bullying a lay witness is a bad idea whether you enlist the court's help on the record before jury or engage in mild sparring with the witness.

Lunch - on your own

The Amazing Case - Part 3

(90 minutes)

Demonstrative Evidence

- Making sure your dogs and ponies are what the jury needs and wants
- If blueprints are involved, as here, make them big and be sure your witness can explain. Don't assume anyone on a jury can understand.

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- The fun stuff the jury expects you to do but be respectful.

Expert Witnesses

- Finding people who won't confuse the jury. Lively, but not cutesie or comical.
- Preparing them - to make sure they don't confuse the jury

15 minute break

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(90 minutes)

Direct and Cross of an Expert on Monetary Damages

- Wait, don't leave! This is going to be good!

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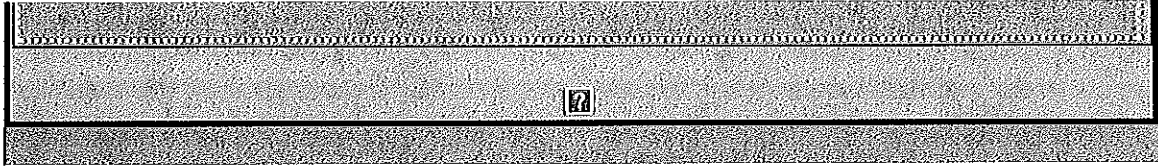
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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Holtkamp, Ken](#)
Cc: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Request for printer quote
Date: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:00:05 PM

Ken, Dan Sands is most familiar with the requests that have been made over time by attorneys and the EXO which has also often availed itself of the services of our printer for press conferences and other public events. Lis, please tell Ken when Dan is again going to be in the office so that he can assist Ken.

From: Holtkamp, Ken
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 1:56 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: Request for printer quote

Will do no problem, is there an attorney who would know what kind of exhibits need to printed, so I can consult with them and get an idea about what you want to accomplish.

Ken Holtkamp
Technical Services Manager
Desk: 602.542.8061

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 1:49 PM
To: Holtkamp, Ken
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: Reuquest for printer quote

Ken:

Sometime during the next week, Dan Sands will be submitting a quote request from you for a replacement for the CRM large scale printer. The current HP550PS, purchased in 2003, is at the end of its useful service life. We are experiencing recurring problems and contract maintenance fees are steadily increasing.

Please take a look at this issue at your earliest opportunity. CRM's ability to create exhibit boards for trial has been a proven success over the years. I want to encumber the funds to pay for the new large scale printer before the end of this calendar year. Thanks for your help.

From: Conrad, Donald
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: SAG0292
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:50:28 AM

Yes he is quitting

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Loftus, Charles; Perkovich, Mark
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: SAG0292

I'm confused. Is Wes Dison quitting? He is in SAG0292.

From: Loftus, Charles
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:42 AM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Cc: Perkovich, Mark
Subject: SAG0292

Lisa,

We want to move Paul Cuellar into a temporary supervisors position using SAG0292 once it is opened on the 17th. Paul is presently in SAG 0103. I have not done this before, what do you need from me to start this process?

Thanks,

Charlie

Charles Loftus Ph.D.

Assistant Chief Special Agent

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: SAG0716 - Paid Legal Extern - Zachary Arlington
Date: Friday, December 11, 2015 3:22:10 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Who do you suggest

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 1:58 PM
To: Ahler, Paul; Martinez, Gilda
Cc: Conrad, Donald
Subject: FW: SAG0716 - Paid Legal Extern - Zachary Arlington

FYI. Who are we putting in charge of training him to redact?

From: Gee, Kay
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 1:24 PM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Cc: Human Resources
Subject: RE: SAG0716 - Paid Legal Extern - Zachary Arlington

Lisa,

Zachary is approved to start on Monday, 12/14/2015 at 9AM. We'll do his I-9 here, so he should be all done by 9:30 with me.

Thank you,

Kay Gee

Human Resources Section



Attorney General Mark Brnovich
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Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Welch, Leslie; Gee, Kay; Human Resources
Cc: Rodriguez, Lisa; Verver, Phillip
Subject: SAG0716 - Paid Legal Extern - Zachary Arlington
Importance: High

Leslie – Per our conversation on Friday, please see the attached hiring request, Volunteer/Intern Application and Resume for Zachary Arlington. I will deliver the original documents to Kay today! Thanks for your help! Lisa

Phil – FYI.

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Eckert, Robert](#)
Bcc: [Conrad, Donald](#)
Subject: RE: SBS
Date: Monday, December 07, 2015 7:56:35 AM

Thanks, Rob. Yes we need to attend any interviews that come out of that article. Paul Watkins alerted me to the same. I also will try to attend.

From: Eckert, Robert
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 5:05 PM
To: Ahler, Paul
Cc: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: SBS

Paul,

My last conversation with Don was we were done with the criminal case and we were moving on from it. With that being said, I've read the recent kjzz articles and although interesting, I didn't read anything that jumped out as criminal. I've also talked with Beau about it. However, Beau is going to interview Updike next week as part of their case and I offered to participate in that. If there is something substantive that comes from it, I'll advise.

Rob

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S@ 5 ACTIVE™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Ahler, Paul" <Paul.Ahler@azag.gov>
Date: 12/4/2015 4:56 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Watkins, Paul" <Paul.Watkins@azag.gov>, "Conrad, Donald" <Donald.Conrad@azag.gov>
Cc: "Roysden, Beau" <Beau.Roysden@azag.gov>, "Eckert, Robert" <Robert.Eckert@azag.gov>
Subject: RE: SBS

Don, Paul mentioned that the Attorney General saw the article reference Gaylen Updike and thought we might want to interview him as part of the criminal investigation on Bittersmith.

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602 542-8507

From: Watkins, Paul
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 4:40 PM

To: Conrad, Donald; Ahler, Paul
Cc: Roysden, Beau
Subject: SBS

Don and Paul,

Here are a couple of articles that may be relevant to your investigation. Also, I spoke with Paul and we are planning to bring in a couple people next week who may also have useful information. Please let me know if you would like someone to attend.

Best

http://kjzz.org/sites/default/files/Public_Records_Emails.pdf

<http://kjzz.org/content/228342/embattled-corporation-commissioners-conflict-interest-may-extend-broadband>

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Woods, Dan; Perkovich, Mark
Cc: Ahler, Paul; Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: search terms
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 11:13:13 AM

Aren't you on vacation? Get a life, Dan!

From: Woods, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Perkovich, Mark; Conrad, Donald
Cc: Ahler, Paul; Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: search terms

There are a number of products out there that use complex algorithms to evaluate a document and then search a data set for similar documents (locality-sensitive hashing, semantic searching, and many more). When marketing these relatively new products it is not uncommon for people to cite how "poorly" keyword searches perform. However, there are a lot of instances where a keyword search is the only practical approach, so these products will never replace keyword searches. I sometimes think comparing the two approaches is an apples to oranges comparison. I can provide more details when we meet. ----- Original message -----

From: "Perkovich, Mark" <Mark.Perkovich@azag.gov>
Date: 10/06/2015 8:36 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Conrad, Donald" <Donald.Conrad@azag.gov>, "Woods, Dan" <Dan.Woods@azag.gov>
Cc: "Ahler, Paul" <Paul.Ahler@azag.gov>, "Rodriguez, Lisa" <Lisa.Rodriguez@azag.gov>
Subject: RE: search terms

Lisa, please note that Dan is on vacation this week however I can fill him in upon his return so no delay in scheduling something.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 8:34 AM
To: Perkovich, Mark; Woods, Dan
Cc: Ahler, Paul
Subject: search terms

Yesterday KPaul and I attended a seminar during which the presenter said search terms are at best 80% accurate. He suggested an alternative method but I don't recall what he called it. Lisa please set 15 minutes this week to talk about this. Attendees, Ahler, Perkovich, Woods, Conrad

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: SIS process for case opening
Date: Monday, October 26, 2015 10:58:26 AM

I want to look again at the language used in section one. Pls give it to me.

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 3:59 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: SIS process for case opening

M: Lisa provided me your comments.

Regarding 1, the review provided is the initial stop with you so that you can triage those cases that do not belong with the AG for any reason(s) including a better placement with another, more appropriate agency. The language requires your approval and which ultimately authorizes entry into the file Legal Files case management system. Your approval let's me know that you think it is appropriate for us to spend time and resources on an investigation, and while the COS does not ask for any written notice, you are the first line supervision alerted to a hot potato and thus informed so that you may pass along your concerns to me as you see fit. I don't see that it contradicts 3a.

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Perkovich, Mark
Subject: RE: Space 51 - who occupies this space? (ART0080) Don would like to know!
Date: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 11:35:08 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Understood. I withdraw my objection.

From: Perkovich, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 9:51 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Cc: Ahler, Paul
Subject: RE: Space 51 - who occupies this space? (ART0080) Don would like to know!

This is actually a bait vehicle used by CPA for auto repair operations. The vehicle is only used from time to time and is not used for any other purposes.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Perkovich, Mark
Cc: Ahler, Paul
Subject: FW: Space 51 - who occupies this space? (ART0080) Don would like to know!

Mark, There is a car parked in the garage that gets little if any use according to my observations. See below. In your review of cars assigned to take home, would you please also figure out what is going on with the vehicle identified below.

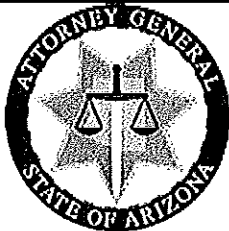
From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 4:05 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: FW: Space 51 - who occupies this space? (ART0080) Don would like to know!

It's ours.

From: James, Michelle
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: RE: Space 51 - who occupies this space? (ART0080) Don would like to know!

There is a seized vehicle part there got moved because of the constructions Mr. Kobo drives a motorcycle.

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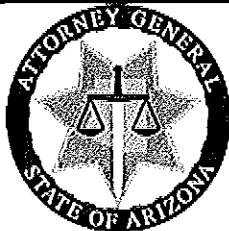
From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 10:37 AM
To: James, Michelle
Subject: RE: Space 51 - who occupies this space? (ART0080) Don would like to know!

Don says a car is being stored down there. Has dust and cobwebs. Is that appropriate?

From: James, Michelle
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From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 10:29 AM
To: James, Michelle
Subject: Space 51 - who occupies this space? (ART0080) Don would like to know!

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From: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#) on behalf of [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Bailey, Michael](#)
Cc: [Conrad, Donald](#)
Subject: RE: Valley Metro Steven Banta
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:21:08 AM

Hi Mike. Don is at APAAC Council Meeting, but we sent the letter up on a greenie request yesterday. It may be with Beth. Lisa

From: Bailey, Michael
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:17 AM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: Re: Valley Metro Steven Banta

Yes

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On Dec 7, 2015, at 9:27 AM, Conrad, Donald <Donald.Conrad@azag.gov> wrote:

I am drafting a letter from Mark to the Auditor General requesting assistance in this investigation. I want to get it over to the auditor general today. May I sign in Mark's stead?

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: ["Rodriguez, Lisa"](#)
Subject: RE: westlaw
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 3:19:36 PM

I got one from her yesterday

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: RE: westlaw

You would have gotten an email when you first got here. I'll ask Joan Dalton for it.

From: Conrad, Donald
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 3:43 PM
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: westlaw

Do I have an account? I don't know a password if I do

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Will you take a box to Tucson for me please?
Date: Thursday, December 03, 2015 7:39:43 AM

Of course

From: Rodriguez, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 6:10 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: Will you take a box to Tucson for me please?

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Bailey, Michael](#)
Subject: Recent disclosures related to Bittersmith
Date: Monday, December 07, 2015 11:04:38 AM

Mike, I'm not sure if Mark needs to talk about the recent disclosures in a KJZZ article before his return. If he does, let me know and I will try to reach him. I do plan to have an investigator present for interviews that are now set. I too will attend, depending on the schedule.

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: ["Jafrate, Michele"](#)
Bcc: [Conrad, Donald](#)
Subject: Request for Information
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 10:52:25 AM

Did anything happen last week in Melendrez relative to my pleading?

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Holtkamp, Ken](#)
Cc: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Bcc: [Sands, Dan](#)
Subject: Reuquest for printer quote
Date: Monday, October 19, 2015 1:48:53 PM

Ken:

Sometime during the next week, Dan Sands will be submitting a quote request from you for a replacement for the CRM large scale printer. The current HP550PS, purchased in 2003, is at the end of its useful service life. We are experiencing recurring problems and contract maintenance fees are steadily increasing.

Please take a look at this issue at your earliest opportunity. CRM's ability to create exhibit boards for trial has been a proven success over the years. I want to encumber the funds to pay for the new large scale printer before the end of this calendar year. Thanks for your help.

From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Conrad, Donald](#)
Subject: review victim letters
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:49:12 PM

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Bailey, Michael](#)
Subject: RICO
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 9:09:06 AM

After you and I corresponded re: Voyles' request to meet re: RICO, Ahler told me he attended a meeting of an APAAC committee yesterday at which time Tom Rankin presented about RICO. Paul says it was obvious during the discussion that followed Rankin's presentation that Shelia and Bill have concerns about the position Mark expressed to the CG Dispatch. I'm sure you know this but I remain concerned about the need for Mark to meet with certain fellow prosecutors to identify a way to jointly oppose mischief in the legislature that might harm our RICO efforts.

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: schedule firg meet 1/5/16
Date: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 4:42:34 PM

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: send this message to these people
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:50:11 AM

John Smith Yuma County att
Shelia Polks Yavapai
Barbara lawall pima
Bill Montgomery

Re: Meeting to discuss RICO

Dear fellow prosecutor,

The Attorney General has asked me to invite you to a meeting regarding RICO and the upcoming legislative session. The meeting will be held at 1:30 on October 22 in our offices at 1275 W. Washington. Please let me know if you will be able to attend. Please note that the meeting will be restricted to the offices identified in this email.

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Rodriguez, Lisa
Subject: send to section chiefs re: redaction of discovery and PRR.
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 8:58:31 AM

Recently we talked about redaction of documents and specifically about redaction of other than victim information. I am not comfortable with passing out personal information for individuals who are not victims in our discovery. Please make sure that what we pass out does not include personal information like addresses, social security numbers, bank account numbers, etc. I am considering hiring a contract person to handle redactions in the larger cases that bog us down. We'll talk more about this at our next meeting.

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: set meet with Flores re letters
Date: Friday, October 23, 2015 8:25:18 AM

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: set meeting
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 8:41:15 AM

Bailey, Conrad, perkov, woods. Bailey's office for 2 p.m. on friday

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: sHAWN sTEINGURG
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:40:13 PM

pROceed with prep of hiring packet at 93K

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: sis opening
Date: Monday, November 02, 2015 2:39:14 PM

All new investigations must be first reviewed by the Chief Agent to determine that the matter is one appropriate to be investigated by the AGO. The criteria for such a decision should include but not be limited to a consideration of resources, legal jurisdiction, and/or the propriety of a referral to another agency. Upon determining that an investigation is appropriate to be opened, the Chief Agent shall give approval to enter the investigation into the Legal Files database and instruct the assigned special agent to create a Case Opening Sheet (COS). The completed COS shall be forwarded to the Chief Counsel of the criminal division for approval/disapproval.

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: SIS process for case opening
Date: Friday, October 16, 2015 1:52:52 PM

LISA, DO YOU DISPUTE ANYTHING I WROTE HERE?

M: Lisa provided me your comments.

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From: [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: ["Rodriguez, Lisa"](#)
Subject: Strawn Martin
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 1:48:24 PM

Wanats to get a company on the list for expert accounting services. Does he have to get on the list or can he just be hired. Tgalk to me. Don't send me email

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Brnovich, Mark
Subject: taxi and guide in Mexico City
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 1:15:50 PM

The guy both Brian Larson and I used is Victor Monge. Phone [REDACTED]

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Perkovich, Mark
Subject: Verzona Investigation
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 2:52:31 PM

Mark,

I don't have a file on this matter but we agreed to take a look at it. Please forward this email to the assigned investigator for the file.

On 10/22/15 I spoke with Mike Gordon, an attorney who represents victims in this matter in the bankruptcy proceeding. His number is [REDACTED] I returned a call he placed to me. The purpose of his call was to offer cooperation and assistance.

In the conversation, Gordon indicated that he was to depose principals in the case as a part of the bankruptcy litigation. He indicated that he had also subpoenaed documents. He offered to make a transcript and copies of produced documents available.

I told him that we would be happy to take whatever he acquired but that I was not asking him to ask any questions or to request any documents for his deposition. I explained that I needed to protect against any allegation of a parallel proceedings violation thus my mention of the issue.

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From: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#) on behalf of [Conrad, Donald](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Lisa](#)
Subject: FW: Kernohan sentence
Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 5:33:59 PM

From: Ahler, Paul
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 5:30 PM
To: Lawson, Todd; Conrad, Donald; Garcia, Mia
Subject: RE: Kernohan sentence

Don, we continue to get really good dispositions on these Child Pornography cases. Todd, could you provide a picture and a copy of the Indictment?

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From: Lawson, Todd
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Ahler, Paul
Subject: Kernohan sentence

Thomas Robert Kernohan (age 35 of Phoenix) was sentenced today to 14 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. The prison term will be followed by a consecutive term of lifetime probation which will include sex offender terms, and Kernohan will be required to register as a sex offender. The conviction arises from an investigation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations unit, which identified Kernohan as an online trader in child pornography through a Russian file-sharing website. During a search warrant executed at Kernohan's residence on October 22, 2013, agents located an external hard drive containing hundreds of pictures and images of suspected child pornography. Kernohan admitted to collecting the images, stating that he had "a sick fascination with young boys" and that he knew it was "obviously wrong." Kernohan was sentenced by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Jose Padilla.

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From: Conrad, Donald
To: Brnovich, Mark
Subject: RE: Happy thanksgiving weekend
Date: Monday, November 30, 2015 7:50:32 AM

That's the nicest thing I could hear, Mark. I too am thankful that you are my friend and I hate to think about how long that has been true. I have to say I already feel a bit melancholy about walking out the door again. I hope that when I'm back on the street we'll have time once again for coffee or even lunch. I know you are busy with a family, running this place, and preparing for a Supreme Court argument. What an honor to represent Arizona. Don't let those liberal, black-robed crows on the Supremes push you around.

-----Original Message-----

From: Brnovich, Mark
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2015 4:06 PM
To: Conrad, Donald
Subject: Happy thanksgiving weekend

Don, didn't get a chance to tell you in person as I've been running around before this weekend. But I'm thankful for many things. And especially thankful to call you a friend and I'm especially grateful for everything your doing for our office. Have a good weekend. Best to you and Leigh. Mark.

Attorney General Mark Brnovich
Sent from my iPhone