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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: IOWA OPEN RECORDS REQUEST - JASPER COUNTY, IA - #017 - THE FORM OF ATARI - #002

Ref: 1. Iowa Code Title I State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 22 Examination of Public Records (Open Records)
2. Iowa Code Title I State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 23 Public Access to Government Information (Iowa Public Information Board Act) - Section 23.7 - Filing of complaints with the board.
3. Title XVI - CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE, Chapter 708 Assault, Section 708.11 Stalking

Enc: 1. Electronic Mail - Ryan Eaton - 12 APR 2023

1. Introduction

Ryan Eaton communicated in electronic mail on 12 APR 2023, "The day you started stalking county employees and mapping their locations and times, I received several phone calls complaining and asking me to stop it. I untagged the posts and you replied "Nice try" and reapplied them. I contacted Facebook and they suggested I simply

block you. Sorry it does not fit your last 8 months of all these elected officials trying to silence you. It was simply to protect county employees. Really is came down to economics. It is cheaper for the county to be sued by 1 and explain in court why I took action than to be sued by 9 employees of the office you tagged for ignoring their employee safety complaints."

2. Requested Information

(a.) The Jasper County, IA Sheriff is requested to provide all documentation related to arrests for violations of Iowa Code Section 708.11 Stalking during 2022 in accordance with Iowa Code Section 22.7(5.).

(b.) The Jasper County, IA Sheriff is requested to provide all documentation related to Michael J. Merritt's alleged violation(s) of Iowa Code Section 708.11 in accordance with Iowa Code Section 22.7(5.).

3. Conclusion

If the allegation of "stalking" brought forth against Michael J. Merritt by Mr. Eaton in Enclosure (1.) had any merit, Sections 6, 9, and 10 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa and the 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America would have required the Jasper County, IA Sheriff to arrest those that are accused and provide the evidence in a court of law. Not produce a scenario where Jasper County, IA employees recklessly throw around an allegation several months into the concealment of public records related to Jasper County, IA's historical use of social media while producing evidence of silencing voices during an election year. At the same time, defaming ("stalking," "abused your wife") a citizen requesting records in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 22.

Respectfully,



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"Bricks made with testimony lacking evidence are equivalent to bricks made with straw without clay."

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