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Re: Alaska Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

On June 5, 2020, the Alaska Department of Law (Department) received your request under the Alaska Public Records Act for the following public records: (1) all text or instant messages “sent from the personal and state-funded mobile devices, including cell phones, of Attorney General Kevin Clarkson to Alaska [REDACTED] employee [REDACTED] and (2) all text or instant messages [REDACTED] “sent in reply to text and instant messages from Attorney General Clarkson’s personal or state mobile devices and that were received on Clarkson’s personal or state mobile devices.” Your request covers the period that Attorney General Clarkson “has been employed by the state of Alaska as Attorney General.”

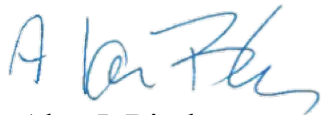
The Department has no records.

Under the regulations of the Alaska Public Records Act, if an agency has no records the response constitutes a denial. *See* 2 AAC 96.335(a). You may administratively appeal by complying with 2 AAC 96.340. An administrative appeal requires no appeal bond. Also, you may seek immediate judicial review by pursuing an injunction from the superior court under AS 40.25.125. Not pursuing an injunction will not adversely affect your rights before the Department, including in administratively appealing the denial. I have been delegated the authority to deny Alaska Public Records Act requests. Enclosed are 2 AAC 96.335 – 2 AAC 96.350.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 907-269-5263 or
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Sincerely,

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Enclosure