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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir/Madam;

The Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-20 et. seq., as amended, gives private individuals the right to -copy and inspect public records of public bodies. Specifically, 30-4-20(a) defines a public body as any department of the State, any State board commission, agency and authority, any public or governmental body or political subdivision of the State. Your agency clearly falls within this definition of a public body.

Section 30-4-20(c) of the Act defines a public record as all books, papers, maps, photographs, cards, tapes, recordings or other documentary materials regardless of physical form or characteristics prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body. The requested records fall within this definition of a public record.

The exceptions to the broad disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act concerning disclosure of records which constitute trade secrets, information of a personal nature, records of law enforcement agencies, and other exceptions set forth in the Act are inapplicable to this request. If, however, you believe that any of the public records subject to this request are exempt from production under the Act, please identify all such documents on order that I may evaluate the claimed exemptions. Please note that the Act provides that the person requesting the public records may copy them. See S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(c). Please know that we are prepared to pay for the costs of copying the materials.

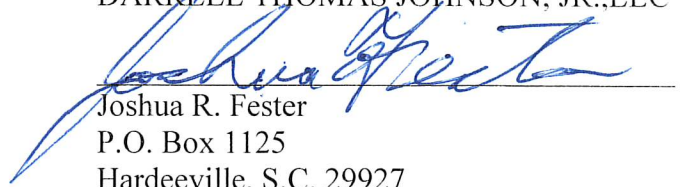
Pursuant to Section 30-4-30(c) of the Act, please either grant or deny this request for the inspection and copying of all requested public records within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of this request. The requests are as follows:

1. Any and all records including but not limited to notes, police reports, witness statements, any and all written records or recordings, pertaining to the bus accident which occurred on November 6, 2019, in which NyShawn Grant was a passenger.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua R. Fester", is written over a horizontal line.

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