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Public Records Act Request 26-2015

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Wed, Sep 2, 2026 at 1:32 PM

Greetings,

Please find attached the Department of Justice's response to your Public Records Act request.

Kayla Dessel

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Ms. Dessel,

Thank you for the Department's response of September 2. Attached is a short follow-up concerning two items that response does not appear to reach. I am not disputing the search, and I would be glad to be told I have misread it.

The first is the subject/title and description/scope fields for PRA-2023-02011. The table provided gives the number, requester, dates and status, but not those two fields. If they were withheld, Government Code § 7922.540(b) asks that the express provision be stated; if they were simply not included, I would appreciate receiving them.

The second is the referral component of my request — records concerning the Department's referral, review, or investigation arising from the November 19, 2021 DCC/CalCannabis resignation email, and communications concerning the referral to the Department from BCSH or DCC. The

response addresses the tracking index and then concludes, without saying whether records responsive to that component exist or whether any were withheld.

I am not asking the Department to describe any investigation, and I understand investigatory records may be exempt. I am asking only for the disposition the statute calls for: whether responsive records exist and, as to any withheld, the express provision relied upon. If the Department holds no responsive records, a written statement to that effect fully answers the item and I will not press it further.

My preservation request stands as to any records within the scope of this follow-up.

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