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Ms. Lorraine A. Nedell
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to mjr
to E Posey
to RNSB.

Re: Public Information Request

Dear Ms. Nedell:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, 2009 in response to my request for public information dated February 5, 2009.

I AM REQUESTING INSPECTION OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTED IN MY LETTER OF FEBRUARY 5, 2009, a copy of which is enclosed.

- My request is for information. It has been the your decision to attempt to sell me copies for a charge of \$100.80 and in addition a clerical charge of \$26.62.
- In conversations with you, Ms. Nedell, Lt. Schibuola and Captain Posey, each of you have stated that your records are on the computer, causing some kind of difficulty in giving me access to inspect the records. FS 119.01(2)(a) specifically prohibits the denial of public records due to "automation". . . "Automation must not erode the right of access . . ." etc.
- With regard to "redaction" of the identity of your undercover agents, I have no objection to that redaction except as it affects my right to inspect the records. (see above)

As a separate issue, I will mention to you now that I am without personal funds to pay your charges; my research project does not accept donations; all public information which I collect is given by me without charge to anyone who asks, in the public interest.

I am a member of the public and the Gainesville Police Department is wrongly denying my access to information which is public information.

If you intend to continue to deny my access to public information, then you must reply in writing the basis for your denial, including the exact statutory citation authorizing the denial, as required by FS 119.07(1)(d).

Yours truly,

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Elizabeth Howard, M.A.

Enclosure: Copy of Public Records Request 2/5/09

CC: Captain Posey; Gainesville City Commission