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Michelle Dillon
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request #181023222

Dear Ms. Dillon:

This letter is in response to your request to the Illinois Department of Corrections ("IDOC") pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.

You have submitted the following requests:

We are requesting the following documents regarding telephone services:

1. All contract amendments or other agreements, including all exhibits, addenda and extensions, between Illinois Department of Corrections and any provider of telephone services for use by prisoners or other detainees that were signed since July 2017.

Response: Enclosed. Signatures have been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts the release of "Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order."

2. Documents detailing all payments received by Illinois Department of Corrections from any telephone service provider, or on behalf of any telephone service provider, from January 1, 2015 to present.

Response: Enclosed, Signatures, account numbers, and routing numbers have been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts the release of "Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." **No payments have been received since the payment received in January 2018..**

3. Documents detailing rates for telephone calls made by prisoners or other detainees of any Illinois Department of Corrections facilities that are currently in effect.

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Response: IDOC does not maintain or possess records responsive to your request, other than the contract, which is being provided.

4. Documents detailing all fees related to use of telephone services by the prisoners or other detainees of any Illinois Department of Corrections facilities that are currently in effect. This request specifically includes all ancillary fees incurred by people who accept calls from prisoners or other detainees, including fees related to prepaid phone accounts.

Response: IDOC does not maintain or possess records responsive to your request.

In the event you view this response as a denial of your request, you have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). You can file your request for review with the PAC to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the state circuit court, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a request for review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a request for review with the PAC.

Sincerely,
Lisa Weitekamp
Freedom of Information Officer

Enclosures