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AG STRANGE REVIEWS COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF ALABAMA GUN LAWS BY JACKSONVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY, WEST MORGAN-EAST LAWRENCE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY PARK AND RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY, TOWN OF ARITON

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Luther Strange today released public statements about formal complaints received by his office concerning possible unlawful prohibitions of firearms by the Jacksonville Housing Authority, West Morgan-East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority, Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreational Authority and the Town of Ariton. After reviewing and investigating each complaint, where appropriate, the Attorney General's Office worked with the public entity to achieve compliance with state law.

The results of the Attorney General's investigations are summarized below, along with links to his determinations.

Jacksonville Housing Authority

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the Jacksonville Housing Authority failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms. After the Attorney General communicated with the Jacksonville Housing Authority, he determined that it met the requirements under Alabama Code § 13A-11-61.3 to prohibit the possession of firearms, because the building in question is designated by the Authority for the use of a private organization – the Boys and Girls Club. Although the facility is publicly-owned, it is private property for the purposes of the Alabama firearms law due to the fact that it has been turned over to private persons who control the building. For this reason, the Attorney General determined that there is no further action required.

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2016-022-Public-Statements>

West Morgan-East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the West Morgan-East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms. After the Attorney General communicated with the West Morgan-

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East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority, he determined that it meets the requirements under Alabama Code § 13A-11-61.3 to prohibit the possession of firearms, because it limits access through the posting of guards and other security features. For this reason, the Attorney General determined that no further action is required.

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2016-023-Public-Statements>

Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreational Authority

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreational Authority failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at the Bobby Miller Activity Center. After the Attorney General communicated with the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreational Authority, the signs prohibiting firearms were removed. Because the signs are removed, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2016-024-Public-Statements>

Town of Ariton

The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the Town of Ariton failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at the Ariton Sports Complex, part of which is owned by the Town of Ariton and part by the Dale County Board of Education. After the Attorney General's Office communicated with the Town, the signs on its portion of the property were taken down. However, because boards of education are authorized by law to prohibit weapons on property used by students, the signs may remain on portions of the complex owned by the Dale County Board of Education. Because the Town of Ariton and the Dale County Board of Education are compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2016-025-Public-Statements>

More detailed information for each of these cases and others can be found on the AG's web site:

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-Firearms-Alabama-Public-Statements-13A-11-61-3>