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AG STRANGE REVIEWS COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF ALABAMA GUN LAWS BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SELMA AND DALLAS COUNTY, AND BIRMINGHAM

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Luther Strange today released public statements about formal complaints received by his office concerning possible unlawful prohibitions of firearms by the Alabama Department of Labor, the City of Selma and Dallas County, and the City of Birmingham. After reviewing and investigating each complaint, 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.

Alabama Department of Labor

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the Alabama Department of Labor failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at its rural Career Centers across the state. After the Attorney General communicated with the Department of Labor, 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-2016-042-Public-Statements>

City of Selma and Dallas County

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the City of Selma and Dallas County failed to comply with Alabama law because they prohibited firearms at Old Cahawba State Park, Paul M. Grist State Park, the City of Selma Public Works, Dallas County Shop, Dallas County Water and Sewer Authority, District Engineer of the Alabama Department of Transportation and North Dallas County Water Authority. After the Attorney General's Office communicated with the City of Selma, the Alabama Historical Commission and the Dallas County Commission, the signs prohibiting firearms were removed from the City of Selma Public Works, Old Cahawba Park, the Dallas County Shop, Dallas County Water and Sewer Authority and the North Dallas County Water Authority. The Alabama Department of Transportation meets the requirements under state law to prohibit the possession of firearms at the Dallas County District Engineer Office. Regarding Paul M. Grist State Park, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is permitted under state regulations to prohibit firearms except by "lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided the

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handguns are not used for any unlawful purpose.” The Attorney General has determined that no further action is necessary.

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City of Birmingham

The Attorney General’s Office reviewed a complaint that the City of Birmingham failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at City Hall, City libraries and Vulcan Park and Museum, as well as having language prohibiting weapons on the library and Vulcan websites. After the Attorney General’s Office communicated with the City of Birmingham, the signs prohibiting firearms were removed from the city libraries and language from the library website was removed. The City of Birmingham meets the requirements under state law to prohibit the possession of firearms at City Hall. The City also provided clarification that there are no signs in place at Vulcan Park and Museum and that the language on the website “is not meant to carry any threat of enforcement.” The Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2016-039-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>