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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: Dallas County Sheriff and City of Selma signs

Dear [REDACTED]

On September 11, 2015, my Office received your petition under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the City of Selma and the Dallas County Sheriff. Specifically, you alleged that the Carl C. Morgan Convention Center, the Joe T. Smitherman Historic Building, the Walton Theater, the St. James Hotel, Selma City Hall, the Selma-Dallas County Public Library, the Larry D. Stripling Performing Arts Center, the Central Alabama Animal Shelter, the Selma Interpretive Center, and the Selma City Ceramic Art Program have posted signs prohibiting firearms. In addition, you alleged that the Dallas County Sheriff's pistol license language stated that the license is not valid if the holder is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs.

My Office's investigation confirmed that the City of Selma posted the signs at these buildings. I asked the City Attorney for the City of Selma to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons in these buildings. The City Attorney reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and agreed that the signs posted at the Carl C. Morgan Convention Center, the Joe T. Smitherman Historic Building, the Walton Theater, the St. James Hotel, Selma City Hall, the Selma-Dallas County Public Library, the Larry D. Stripling Performing Arts Center, the Central Alabama Animal Shelter, the Selma Interpretive Center, and the Selma City Ceramic Art Program were not compliant with state law and removed these signs. Because the City of Selma is now compliant with Alabama law, I have determined not to bring an enforcement action under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

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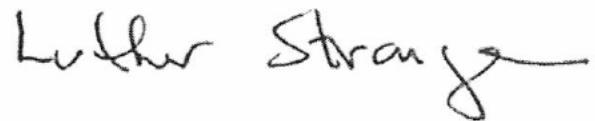
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The investigation also confirmed that the Dallas County Sheriff's pistol license language stated that the license is not valid if the holder is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs. Under Alabama law, "a sheriff may not place conditions or requirements on the issuance of the permit or limit its scope or applicability." Ala. Code § 13A-11-75.

I asked the Dallas County Sheriff to confirm whether his office issues permits with this language and to explain his legal justification for the language. The Dallas County Sheriff reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law. He agreed that the language should be changed. He has informed my Office that the pistol permits no longer contain the language in question. Because the pistol permits are now compliant with Alabama law, I have determined not to bring an enforcement action under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

A redacted copy of this letter will be posted to my Office's website, in compliance with the statutory requirement that I "publicly state in writing the justification for the determination not to file suit." Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther Strange". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Luther Strange
Attorney General

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