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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: Ariton Sports Complex

Dear 

On April 15, 2016 my Office received your petition under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the Town of Ariton. Specifically, you alleged that the Ariton Sports Complex posted signs prohibiting firearms.

My Office's investigation confirmed that the Town of Ariton posted the signs. I asked the Town of Ariton to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. The Town of Ariton reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and removed these signs from the portions of Ariton Sports Complex which are owned by the Town of Ariton.

The investigation also uncovered that the Dale County Board of Education posted signs on portions of Ariton Sports Complex that it owns. These signs may remain. As stated in Attorney General's Opinion 2014-044, Boards of Education are expressly authorized by statute to prohibit weapons on property used by school students. *See* Opinion to Hon. Alan T. Lee, dated February 28, 2014, No. 2014-044 at page 3.

Because the Town of Ariton and the Dale County Board of Education are compliant with Alabama law, I have determined that there is no further action required 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 under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luther Strange". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the word "Strange".

Luther Strange
Attorney General

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