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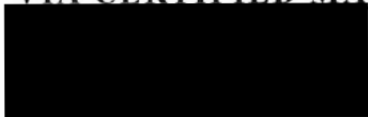
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: City of Selma and Dallas County signs

Dear 

On June 30, 2016 my Office received your petition under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding possible violations of Alabama law by the City of Selma and Dallas County. Specifically, you alleged that the City of Selma and Dallas County posted signs prohibiting firearms at Old Cahawba State Park, Paul M. Grist State Park, City of Selma Public Works, Dallas County Shop, Dallas County Water & Sewer Authority, District Engineer of the Alabama Department of Transportation, and North Dallas County Water Authority.

My Office's investigation confirmed that the City of Selma posted the signs at the City of Selma Public Works. I asked the City to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. The City of Selma reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and removed these signs posted at the City of Selma Public Works.

The Alabama Historical Commission posted the signs at the Old Cahawba Archaeological Park. I asked the Alabama Historical Commission to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. The Alabama Historical Commission reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and removed these signs posted at the Old Cahawba Archaeological Park.

The Dallas County Commission posted the signs at the Dallas County Shop, Dallas County Water & Sewer Authority, and the North Dallas County Water Authority. I asked the Dallas County Commission to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. The Dallas County Commission reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and removed these signs posted at the Dallas County Shop, Dallas County Water & Sewer Authority, and the North Dallas County Water Authority.

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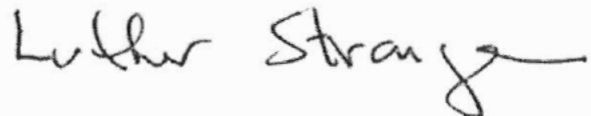
The Alabama Department of Transportation ("ALDOT") posted the signs at the Dallas County District Office. I asked ALDOT to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. ALDOT reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and provided justification for the prohibition of weapons at the Dallas County District Office. The Dallas County District Office "limits access to the building during normal business hours of operation by having electronic card key-activated locks on all building entrances." In addition, the Dallas County District Office is "continuously monitored" by an employee who prevents "unauthorized access."

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("ADCNR") posted the signs at the Paul M. Grist State Park. I asked ADCNR to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. ADCNR reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and provided justification for the restriction of certain firearms at the Paul M. Grist State Park. State Parks Rule 220-5-.08 provides for the restriction of firearms at any State Park without written permission. However, the rule also states that "nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided, the handguns are not used for any unlawful purpose."

Because the Old Cahawba State Park, Paul M. Grist State Park, City of Selma Public Works, Dallas County Shop, Dallas County Water & Sewer Authority, District Engineer of the Alabama Department of Transportation, and North Dallas County Water Authority 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).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther Strange". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luther" and last name "Strange" clearly distinguishable.

Luther Strange
Attorney General

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