

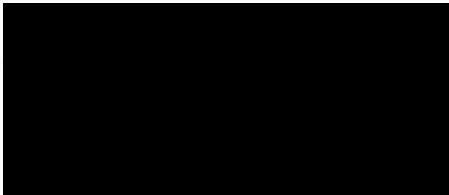
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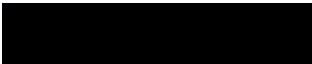
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Re: City of Montgomery



On May 26, 2017, my Office received your petition alleging a possible violation of Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3(g)(6) by the City of Montgomery. Specifically, you alleged that the City of Montgomery intends to sponsor a gun buyback program.

My Office's investigation determined that the City of Montgomery is not sponsoring a gun buyback program and is not offering remuneration to another party for the surrender or transfer of privately owned firearms.

In response to media reports that Central Alabama Crimestoppers, Inc. ("Crimestoppers"), is participating in a gun buyback program, you provided our Office with documents regarding an appropriation from the City of Montgomery's 2017 budget for Crimestoppers. For over ten years the City of Montgomery has made appropriations for Crimestoppers and various other charitable agencies and nonprofit corporations. The City's budget for 2017 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Montgomery in September of 2016, approximately eight months before Crimestoppers announced its participation in a gun buyback program. There is no indication that the appropriation made by the City of Montgomery in its 2017 budget was to pay Crimestoppers to offer remuneration for the surrender or transfer of privately owned firearms.

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Because the City of Montgomery is 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 requirements under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,

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

Steve Marshall
Attorney General

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