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June 22, 2011

via E-mail (mdavis@thelensnola.org) and Regular Mail

Matt Davis
The Lens
1025 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway
New Orleans, LA 70125

Re: Public Requests regarding vehicles

Dear Matt:

On behalf of Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin Gusman, we are writing to respond to your public records requests for records of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office related to Mardi Gras beads with Sheriff's Office patrol unit medallions shown in a picture you included in your letter request. Your request sought access to, and copies of, *"records showing where these mardi gras beads came from -- supplier, contract, how much they cost, how much the sheriff's office has paid out for them over the last two years."*

These beads are not to be purchased with Sheriff's Office operational funds. By way of background, one dollar of every hourly wage earned by deputies working off-duty details is contributed into a fund, the Detail Fund, which is used for things such as the purchase of bullet proof vests, plastic Junior Deputy badges; and the Mardi Gras beads you referenced, among other things. The beads and Junior deputy badges (given to children in hospitals and at Easter egg hunts) are bought to promote good will between the Sheriff's staff and the community to foster trust and cooperation. Coloring books (with public safety messages) and crayons for children are also purchased from the Detail Fund and distributed to children at Easter and Halloween for the same reasons. In 2010, payment of an invoice for the beads was erroneously made from the Sheriff's General Fund. As soon as the mistake was discovered, the Sheriff's General Fund was reimbursed from the Detail Fund for the purchase amount of the beads.

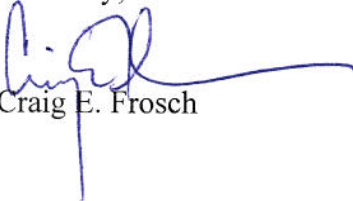
Attached to the electronic copy of this letter please find scanned copies of the following records provided to us by the Sheriff's Office as being responsive to your request:

1. order/invoice form of TJ's Carnival Supplies, Inc. referencing an order of 500 dozen "Police-Bead - Orleans" ordered from TJ's Carnival Supplies, Inc. at a cost of 18.75 per dozen;

2. requisition dated August 9, 2010 referencing 500 dozen "Police-Beads - Orleans" ordered from TJ's Carnival Supplies, Inc. on July 27, 2010;
3. check number 153157, representing mistaken payment from the Sheriff's General Fund Operating Account of TJ's Invoice for beads;
4. internal accounting record of mistaken payment with check number 153157 drawn on Sheriff's Office general fund operating account;
5. TowerNET receipt for electronic transfer of funds from the Deputies' Detail Account to the Sheriff's General Fund in reimbursement of the erroneous payment from the Sheriff's General Fund account.

With the provision of these copies, we consider this matter concluded.

Sincerely,



Craig E. Frosch

CEF/es

Enclosures with electronic copy only

cc: Sheriff Marlin Gusman

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TJ'S CARNIVAL

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504+827+8544

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Sales Order

Ordered: 7/

391121

PO# 5216020

TJ'S Carnival Supplies, Inc

28 Fairfield Ave.
Gretna, LA 70056
504-392-7217

Bill To: Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office
Marshall Donald
2815 N Causeway Blvd
Mandeville, La 70471

Order Status: Open

Description 1	Qty	Sold	Due	Price	Ext Price Tax
POLICE BEAD - ORLEANS	500	0	500	\$18.75	\$9,375.00 T
Total Qty Ordered: 500				0	500

Subtotal: \$9
Exempt 0 % Tax
TOTAL: \$9
Deposit Balance:
Balance Due: \$9

Give PO#

PAID

Handwritten signature

Handwritten initials

All items will be delivered upon receipt

Orleans Parish Sheriff
R E Q U I S I T I O N

Page - 1
Date - 08/09/10
Order No. - S 020-000 GP
Brn/Plt - 1056

J's Carnival Supplies, Inc.
28 Fairfield Ave.
Gretna LA 70056

SHIP Orleans Parish Criminal
TO Sheriff's Office
2800 Gravier Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

Ordered - 07/27/10 Freight - FOB - Our Dock
Requested - 07/27/10 Taken By - Buyer Number - 3450
Delivery - 07/27/10

Description / Supplier Item	Ordered	UM	Unit Cost	UM	Extension	Req.
Police Beads- Orleans 1056.6919 For Mardi Gras	500.00	EA	18.750	EA	375.00	07/2

PAID

ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL SHERIFF

Check No. - 153157

Check Date - 08/15/10

PAYMENT ADVICE

Stub 1 of 1

INVOICE		COMMENT	GROSS	DEDUCTIONS	AMOUNT
NUMBER	DATE				
135	072310	PAID	9,375.00		9.3
			9,375.00		9.3

NON-NEGOTIABLE

DETACH BEFORE DEPOSIT



**ORLEANS PARISH
CRIMINAL SHERIFF**
GENERAL FUND OPERATING ACCOUNT
2800 GRAVIER STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70119

CAPITAL ONE, N.A.
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

14-9
650

CHECK
NUMBER

153157

00153157

23655

DATE	AMOUNT
08/15/10	\$9,375.00

PAY **NINETY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE AND 00/100 *******

TO THE ORDER OF:

The Carnival Supplies, Inc.
26 Fairfield Ave.
Gretna LA 70056

(VOID IF NOT CASHED IN 90 DAYS)

NON-NEGOTIABLE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

153157

Manual Payment w/Voucher Match Prev Paymt:

Print Payment. . .

Action Code. . . I

Supplier Number. 23659

Payment Number . 153157

Payment Amount	9,375.00
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Payment-G/L Date	08/15/10
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Batch Number 1078184

TJ's Carnival Supplies, Inc.

G/L Bank 1.1110 .1

Remark

Remaining. . . .

Payment Schedule

Voucher Number	Pay Itm	Invoice Number	Net Due Date	Amount Applied	Discount Taken
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445505 001 135

07/15/10

9,375.00

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

F4=Dtls , F16=Ledger Inq , F11=Supplier , F18=Payee Mode , F17=Void , F24=More . .

TowerNET Receipt

Bank Transfer Number HIB-1640537 assigned.

Date: 13JUN11

Time: 13:37:12

Debit Acct: _____

Debit Acct Name: Detail Account

Credit Acct: _____

Credit Acct Name: General Fund

Release Date: 13JUN11

Amount: 9,375.00

Addl. Information: TJ'S CARNIVAL - 8/2010

Please print this receipt for your records.