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Mr. Buzz Beeler

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Dear Mr. Beeler:

This office received by electronic mail on November 21, 2012 a Public Information Act request from you with ten numbered requests. The numbered answers, which follow, are in direct response to the numbers in your request.

1. This office does not maintain a record of your precise request of "number of felony case ... set for prosecution". We do, however, maintain a database that reflects the number of cases initiated in the Circuit Court and brought to conclusion in any given time period. This is not limited to felony cases, but the clear majority of the cases are felonies. In addition, some felonies can be prosecuted in the District Court. There is no record or database maintained by this office that would reflect a tabulation of the District Court felony cases.

The total number of criminal cases initiated in the Circuit Court, which were concluded in the last fiscal year (July, 2011 through June, 2012), is 2,646.

2. Of the 2,646 cases listed in Answer 1, 1,860 resulted in guilty pleas. There were 88 trials.

3. There is no public record maintained or in the custody of this office that would reflect the "impact of sentencing on those trials that were the result of a plea deal". In addition, there is no record of the "actual maximum sentencing v. the number of years sentenced as a result of the deal." Public record, as it applies to the Maryland Public Information Act, is defined as "the original or any copy of any documentary material that: (i) is made by any unit or instrumentality of the State government or of a political subdivision or received by the unit or instrumentality in connection with the transaction of public business and (ii) is in any form,

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10. There is no public record maintained or in the custody of this office regarding this request.

Pursuant to State Government Article, Section 10-614, if you consider any of this response to be a denial, you are entitled to judicial review under Statement Government Article, Section 10-623 by filing a complaint in the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures