

DANNY J. LAWLER

DOCKET No.: 669689 SECTION:
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VERSUS

19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

THE HONORABLE JEFF LANDRY, IN
HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE
OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

JUDGMENT

THIS MATTER came before the Court on October 1, 2018, on the *Amended Peremptory Exception of Nonjoinder of a Party to Plaintiff's Petition for Writ of Mandamus*, filed on behalf of Defendant Attorney General Jeff Landry, in his official capacity as Custodian of Records for the Louisiana Department of Justice ("LDOJ") and the *Petition for Intervention*, filed on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health. Present were:

David LaCerte and Michael Finkelstein, on behalf of Danny J. Lawler;

Jessica Mott, on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health; and

David Jeddie Smith and Alicia Edmond Wheeler, on behalf of Attorney General Jeff Landry, in his official capacity as Custodian of Records for the Louisiana Department of Justice.

WHEN, after considering the arguments of counsel for Danny J. Lawler and counsel for Attorney General Jeff Landry, in his official capacity as Custodian of Records for the Louisiana Department of Justice:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the documents be produced.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that this Judgment constitutes a final, appealable judgment.

JUDGMENT RENDERED in open court on the 1st day of October, 2018.

JUDGMENT READ, RENDERED AND SIGNED on this 1st day of October, 2018.

I hereby certify that on this day a notice of the above judgement was mailed by me, with sufficient postage affixed, to LaCerte, Mott, Smith, Wheeler, Starobin Done and signed on 10-23-18

Janice Clark
Honorable Judge Janice Clark
19th JDC, East Baton Rouge

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Deputy Clerk of Court

RULE 9.5 CERTIFICATE

I certify that this proposed Judgment has been circulated to counsel of record to this proceeding and that opposing counsel opposes the proposed judgment. This proposed judgment has been presented to the court within three (3) days as ordered in open court.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 2nd day of October, 2018.

David Jeddie Smith, Jr.
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--- Please respond above this line ---



RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of March 14, 2018, Reference # - R000073-031518

Dear Mr Danny Lawler,

In response to your public records request pursuant to La. R.S. 44:1 et seq, which our office received on March 14, 2018, the information you requested has been processed. You sought records related to the following:

George "Eric" Hatfield, Amy Leigh Senn

Your request mentioned:

"1. All records related to the investigation into Caddo Parish Ward 8 Constable George "Eric" Hatfield and his live-in girlfriend Amy Leigh Senn receiving Medicaid benefits for their two children, despite Constable Hatfield having a 6-figure income, as reported on state reports. This investigation was started in early 2017 and AG Landry has stated that he will not prosecute these individuals, therefore all records related to this investigation should be considered public records. We respectfully request all investigative reports, documents, telephone and audio recordings, and emails related to this investigation that are a matter of public record.

2. All records related to payments, charges, reimbursements, or other documentation that would support payment made to George Eric Hatfield or any of his companies, including Hatfield Aviation by the Louisiana Attorney General's Office in the past 6 years. It is our understanding that Mr. Hatfield flew Buddy Caldwell around the state when he was the attorney general, so we are trying to find out who paid him, etc."

The investigative file, which includes investigative reports and documents responsive to your request is not a public record. The Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, *et seq.*, does not apply to records concerning persons applying for or receiving aid to dependent children or to the investigative techniques of the Office of the Attorney General. See also, La. R.S. 44:4(2) and La. R.S. 44:3(A)(3).

Additionally, after a diligent search, our office has been unable to locate any audio recordings, emails, payments, charges, reimbursements, or other documentation that would support payment made to George Eric Hatfield or any of his companies listed in the second portion of your request.

If our office can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

With Best Regards,

Luke Donovan
Assistant Attorney General

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)

