

**From:** [Coriell, Scott](#)  
**To:** [Donoghue, Michael](#)  
**Cc:** [London, Sarah](#); [Allen, Susan](#); [Mishaan, Jessica](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Reconsideration of Public Records request 2016-112-7  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:47:43 PM

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I'll look into all those points. No pardons have been issued yet. We don't plan to issue any until after christmas, which is the application deadline.

> On Dec 21, 2016, at 4:37 PM, Donoghue, Michael <[mtonoghue@smcvt.edu](mailto:mtonoghue@smcvt.edu)> wrote:

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> Thanks Scott.

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> I guess I am not sure why public information was deleted.

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> The names, ages, DOB, street number and address, hometown and more are all included in the courthouse paperwork that anybody can see.

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> Other court paperwork included in the bail statement provide other public information, including job, employer, phone number(s), dates and places and the list of crimes that were charged and resulted in criminal convictions, reductions of charges or dismissals.

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> (I snapped a pic of just a charging information that signed by prosecutors in every case.)

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> How can we determine if the names submitted match up to a lawyer, or others? (even maybe a newspaper reporter!)

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> Also the list that was made has some names multiple times. Does that mean the person has 3 or 4 convictions for possession of marijuana?

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> Some of the names are listed together on the spread sheet. I spotted at least two that were separated by names.

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> A few other pending things:

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> I never heard back from my initial request asking the basis for the Governor stating the pardons could be revoked for false information or other issues.

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> (I may have outlined what happened when an agreement with a convicted rapist fell through, Gov. Snelling was unable to pull the pardon. So how will these be handled? Especially when Gov. Shumlin is likely to be out of office when the fraud or false info comes to light? How does one Governor undo a pardon issued wrongly by a second Governor?)

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> We also had asked in the initial request about the breakdown for the cost of approving these pardons.

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> Also what can I get the latest update on the number of applications?

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> Any approved yet?

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> Thanks

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> Mike

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> From: Coriell, Scott [<mailto:Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov>]  
> Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:11 PM  
> To: Donoghue, Michael <[mtonoghue@smcvt.edu](mailto:mtonoghue@smcvt.edu)>  
> Cc: London, Sarah <[Sarah.London@vermont.gov](mailto:Sarah.London@vermont.gov)>; Allen, Susan <[Susan.Allen@vermont.gov](mailto:Susan.Allen@vermont.gov)>; Mishaan, Jessica <[Jessica.Mishaan@vermont.gov](mailto:Jessica.Mishaan@vermont.gov)>  
> Subject: Re: Reconsideration of Public Records request 2016-112-7

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> Hi Mike, The Governor's Office does not have the date of the convictions, only the information requested on the form. We have withheld street addresses and personal information provided by applicants. Thanks.

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> Scott

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> On Dec 20, 2016, at 8:56 PM, Donoghue, Michael <[mtonoghue@smcvt.edu](mailto:mtonoghue@smcvt.edu)<<mailto:mtonoghue@smcvt.edu>>>> wrote:

> Thank you very much for the partial response to my Vermont Public Records request concerning the application being filed with Gov. Shumlin seeking pardons for possession of small amounts of marijuana.

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> Before I consider the appeal you suggested, I am seeking the rest of the information requested first.

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> Unfortunately the state's response failed to meet my request for the pardon forms submitted by those seeking to have their records wiped clear. Obviously we are doing an assessment about how many of those seeking pardons are old cases or new cases. The Governor said some people picked up in 1968 have been unfairly penalized. We hope to determine through the public records how many are from 40-50 years ago and how many are 4-5 years ago.

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> We are seeking the specific forms and information – as provided under the Vermont law – to review the action of how each state government officer is responding to this pardon program proposed by Gov. Shumlin. That is one of the standards under the law. Clearly based on the interviews and the records released there are some questions.

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> Also with the limited information you provided there is no way to determine who these people are without the full information on the pardon applications. It even appears that a Burlington lawyer is among those who applied, or is it somebody with the same name? Who knows? We don't have ages, addresses and more that were all part of the public record when these people were convicted.

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> Thanks very much. I look forward to the records.

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> Mike Donoghue  
> Vermont News First  
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> ----- Forwarded message -----

> From: Mishaan, Jessica <[Jessica.Mishaan@vermont.gov](mailto:Jessica.Mishaan@vermont.gov)<<mailto:Jessica.Mishaan@vermont.gov>>>>  
> Date: Thu, Dec 15, 2016 at 3:28 PM

> Subject: response to public records act request  
> To: "vermontnewsfirst@gmail.com<<mailto:vermontnewsfirst@gmail.com>>"  
<vermontnewsfirst@gmail.com<<mailto:vermontnewsfirst@gmail.com>>>  
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> Dear Mike,  
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> Attached please find records in response to your public records act request. Certain correspondence between and among the Governor and members of his senior staff have been withheld as executive privileged communications pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(1) and (c)(4). One communication involving counsel for the Department of Public Safety has been withheld as an attorney client communication pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(3). Personal information including contact information has been withheld pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(7).  
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> If you feel any records have been wrongfully withheld, you may appeal to the Governor's Chief of Staff, Darren Springer, at [Darren.springer@vermont.gov](mailto:Darren.springer@vermont.gov)<<mailto:Darren.springer@vermont.gov>>.  
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> Thank you,  
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INFORMATION BY STATE'S ATTORNEY

By the authority of the State of Vermont, the State's Attorney for Grand Isle County, upon the oath  
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