

- Respect
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Lakeland Police Department

Roger Boatner Chief of Police

October 27, 2006

Gordon Watts 821 Alicia Road Lakeland, FL 33801-2113

Mr. Watts:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 25, 2006 requesting an "...audio copy of a [telephone] communication..." placed from telephone number 863-688-9880 to telephone number 863-834-6900 at a time you have not identified, to a LPD dispatcher you have not identified by name, employee number or the like. You have disclosed to us you had spoken to several unidentified LPD dispatchers before engaging in the conversation you claim you had; a conversation you are asking LPD to find among the hundreds of telephone calls received by each of our many dispatchers each day.

While it may not be impossible to accomplish the task you have requested we decline to ask any of our hard-working employees to stop the police work they are doing to engage in your requested task unless and until you pay in advance, 50% of our expected costs in utilizing our resources to do so. Those costs total an estimated \$2,000. Unless, therefore, we receive your payment of \$1,000 we decline to complete the task you have now, in your October 25, 2006 correspondence, asked of us.

Sincerely

Roger A. Mallory, General Counsel