

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

Aaron A. Ramos  
P. O. Box 430  
Sierra Blanca, TX 79851

**Re: Inspection of Public Records Act Complaint – Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office**

Dear Mr. Ramos:

The Office of the Attorney General, Open Government Division (“OGD”) has received your complaint alleging a violation of the Inspection of Public Records Act (“IPRA”), NMSA 1978, Sections 14-2-1 to -12 (1947, as amended through 2019), by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (“the Office”) with respect to a public records request you submitted on or about November 20, 2019. It appears that this matter is now the subject of a Civil Complaint in the Twelfth Judicial District Court. For this reason, our office has determined that we must stay any further review. Upon reviewing the complaint against the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office filed in District Court, Case No. D-1226-CV-2020-00155, we noted that the case generally involves the allegations made by your IPRA complaint.

The long-standing policy of the Office of the Attorney General mandates that we abstain from opining on any matter that is the subject of pending litigation. This policy is maintained in deference to the authority and procedures of the judicial system. In accordance with this policy, we will take no further action regarding your IPRA complaint, as the District Court has now been called upon to determine the merits of that issue.

We will maintain this complaint as a public record. We trust that you will understand the inappropriateness of this Office's further involvement in this matter. If you have any questions about this Office’s response, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Kreienkamp".

John Kreienkamp  
Assistant Attorney General