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Re: Your Public Records Request

Dear Dr. Padmanabhan:

This letter is in further response to your public records request made pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, § 10. In a letter dated December 9, 2013 and received by this Office on December 12, 2013, you requested copies of records held by the Office of the Attorney General (AGO), specifically "the total number of prosecutions pursued under MGL Chapter 149, Section 187 by [the AGO] in all the years [Martha Coakley has] been the Attorney General for Massachusetts . . . [including] the names of the cases as well."

Please be advised that the AGO has no records that are responsive to your request. It is important to note that a custodian's duty to comply with a request for records extends only to those records which exist and are in his or her custody. See G.L. c. 4, § 7 cl. 26. Consequently, there is no obligation to create a record in response to a public records request. See also G.L. c. 66, § 10(a); 32 Op. Atty. Gen. 157, 165 (May 18, 1977).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lillian Hiraes".

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