

RE: Query on "Gun Free Zone" Stickers/Locations

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Fri 9/6/2024 15:31

To: John Petrolino - "The Pen Patriot" <john@thepenpatriot.com>; OAG Press <OAGPress@njoag.gov>

The cost to print and send a sticker is roughly \$1.08 per sticker – approximately 35 cents each to print, plus the cost of a stamp through the U.S. Postal Service. Funding comes from the State budget. No stickers were sent to out-of-state businesses or “fake” addresses/establishments. The office has no additional comment.

From: John Petrolino - "The Pen Patriot" <john@thepenpatriot.com>**Sent:** Friday, September 6, 2024 1:02 PM**To:** OAG Press <OAGPress@njoag.gov>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Query on "Gun Free Zone" Stickers/Locations

I appreciate it.

Warmest Regards,
John Petrolino

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From: OAG Press <OAGPress@njoag.gov>

Date: 9/6/24 12:00 (GMT-06:00)

To: John Petrolino - The Pen Patriot <john@thepenpatriot.com>

Subject: RE: Query on "Gun Free Zone" Stickers/Locations

Hoping to have something short to you – still trying to get confirmation on part of the response.

From: John Petrolino - "The Pen Patriot" <john@thepenpatriot.com>**Sent:** Friday, September 6, 2024 6:44 AM**To:** OAG Press <OAGPress@njoag.gov>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Query on "Gun Free Zone" Stickers/Locations

Attention:

If the office has no intention on commenting, please advise. If the office does, and wishes additional time to respond, please advise.

Have a good weekend.

Warmest Regards,
John Petrolino

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From: "John Petrolino - "The Pen Patriot"" <john@thepenpatriot.com>

Date: 9/4/24 14:29 (GMT-06:00)

To: OAG Press <OAGPress@njoag.gov>

Subject: Re: Query on "Gun Free Zone" Stickers/Locations

Attention:

I'm hoping that everyone had a fantastic holiday weekend. I know I sent this query off right before the extended time off, but maybe you could take a look at it again.

I'm hoping to have a piece polished and done over the weekend, so if you're willing, please address the questions by Friday before the end of business.

Please do keep in mind, I'm happy to run Attorney General Platkin's sentiments on the program, how it's going, etc. with an invite for an open ended statement. 50 or 500 words, my readers would love to hear from him.

Thank you kindly in advance for your willingness to participate by giving me a comment in the very near future.

Warmest Regards,
John Petrolino

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From: John Petrolino - "The Pen Patriot"
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 03:38
To: OAG Press <OAGPress@njoag.gov>
Subject: Query on "Gun Free Zone" Stickers/Locations

Attention OAG:

I'm seeking clarity and comment on a couple of things. As you're aware, I'm a freelance writer who covers the Second Amendment.

I recently came in possession of some data a colleague sent me. I have and am going through data provided by the OAG Records Department from OPRA W218312. The information provided is a list of business names and locations of who signed up to receive a "Gun Free Zone" sticker from a program spearheaded by your office.

According to the data that I received:

- There were 423 requests for stickers between March 14th and May 30th 2024.
- Of the 423 requests, 292 were from out of state
- Of the 423 requests, 137 were from New Jersey
- Of the 292 out of state requests, 10 appear to be "questionable" – details to follow
- Of the 423 requests, 220 appear to be "fake" – details to follow

I'm including the "details" on the above points in the postscript of this email for your review/reference.

Can the office answer the following questions?

- 1) What's the cost to print and send out a sticker per sticker?
- 2) Where do the funds come from specifically to facilitate this?
- 3) Of the 423 requests, 292 (69%) were from out of state. Did this office send stickers intended for N.J. businesses out of state?
- 4) The 220 "fake" businesses, all but five were out of state...were stickers sent to them?
- 5) Specifically, did the office send stickers to the following overtly obvious "trolling" efforts? * Note these are all out of state businesses
 - Dickhandlers 70 stickers
 - UnconstitutionalTyrants 31 stickers
 - COMEANDTAKEIT 18 stickers
 - EVILTYRANTS 17 stickers
 - UnconstitutionalBS 17 stickers
 - GobacktoDC 14 stickers
 - Your Mom Incorporated 12 stickers
 - P.O.S.TYRANTS 8 stickers
 - Peeon2nd 8 stickers
 - Sticker Palace 5 stickers
 - REMEMBER RUBY RIDGE 5 stickers
 - Fucking Your Mom LLC 1 sticker
- 6) Would Attorney General Platkin consider this program a success? Going better than expected? As expected?
- 7) How has this program contributed to public safety since launching? Are there any measurable effects yet?
- 8) I invite the attorney general to provide any open-ended commentary on the "Gun Free Zone" sticker program. I'm happy to share the office's – and Platkin's – sentiments with my readers verbatim.

I thank you kindly in advance for your reply. As always, I have an open-door policy with this office and Attorney General Platkin. Should the attorney general wish to chat, cigars are my treat, and we can meet at a location of his choosing. I'll even be happy to meet off the record, to just chew the fat. As noted, below the signature block are further details on the "questionable" and "fake" businesses for your review.

Warmest Regards,
John Petrolino

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Information mentioned in body of email:

The "questionable" requests come from the following business names, city, state, zip, and number of requests:

Working on a name, Arcata, California, 95521, 8

Anti-gun store, [blank], Oregon, 97383, 1
 LLC llc, Sterling, Virginia, 20164, 1

The "fake" requests come from the following business names, city, state, zip, and number of requests:

Dickhandlers, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 70
 UncostitutionalTyrants, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 31
 COMEANDTAKEIT, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 18
 EVILTYRANTS, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 17
 UnconstitutionalBS, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 17
 GobacktoDC, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 14
 Your Mom Incorporated, Coopersville, Michigan, 49404, 12
 P.O.S.TYRANTS, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 8
 Peeon2nd, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 8
 Sticker Palace, North Augusta, South Carolina, 29841, 5
 REMEMBER RUBY RIDGE, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 5
 LEAVETHEUS, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 3
 Freedomsquashers, Tyler, Texas, 75702, 1
 Sofa King Inc., Temecula, California, 92591, 1
 Fucking Your Mom LLC, San Diego, California, 92122, 1
 Dilligaf, Vernonia, Oregon, 97064, 1
 We the people, Highland lakes, New Jersey, 07422, 1
 TyranicalGovOfficialsForPrison LLC, Bellmawr, New Jersey, 08031, 1
 Seal clubbing international, Clayton, North Carolina, 27520, 1
 Vandelay Industries, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670, 1
 Second Amendment Does Not Support Gun Restrictions, Sayreville, New Jersey, 08872, 1
 We The People, Wallington, New Jersey, 07057, 1
 You Are Infringing On My Constitutional Rights, Springfield, New Jersey, 07081, 1
 Ban 2A Meow, Lenexa, Ks, 66227, 1

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