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June 13, 2016

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Florida Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Attn: Custodian of Records
Plaza Level 10, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

Re: Florida Public Records Law Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Public Records Law, Fla. Stat. § 119.01 *et seq.*, Judicial Watch, Inc. requests from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("FDACS") access to and a copy of the following record(s):

- 1) **Any and all records regarding Omar Mateen, also known as Omar Mir Seddique, born on November 16, 1986, who died on June 12, 2016 in Orlando, Florida, including but not limited to records regarding any licensures, certifications and/or registrations held by Mateen through FDACS or its sub-agencies.**
- 2) **Any and all records of communication between officials of FDACS or its sub-agencies, and officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding Omar Mateen (aka, Omar Mir Seddique) from January 1, 2009 to the present date.**

For the purposes of this request, the term "Record" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency. Fla. Stat. § 119.011(12)

Although the statute does not mandate a specific time for response, the Florida Supreme Court has stated that the only permitted delay in producing records "is the limited reasonable time allowed the custodian to retrieve the record and delete those portions of the record the custodian asserts are exempt." *Tribune Company v. Cannella*, 458 So. 2d 1075, 1078 (Fla. 1984), *appeal dismissed sub nom.*, *DePerte v. Tribune Company*, 105 S.Ct. 2315 (1985).

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Florida law mandates that fees for producing records should be limited only to the cost of finding and reproducing the documents, which may not exceed 15 cents per page. Fla. Stat. § 119.07(4)(a) Please notify us in advance if the expected cost is likely to exceed \$150.00.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification, please contact us immediately at 202-646-5172 or bmarshall@judicialwatch.org. We look forward to receiving the requested documents in ten (10) days and a waiver of both search and duplication costs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very respectfully,



William F. Marshall
Judicial Watch, Inc.