

May 25, 2007

Mr. Fred Van Valkenburg  
Missoula County Attorney  
200 West Broadway  
Missoula, MT 59802

RE: Community Oversight Committee Request for Information

Dear Mr. Van Valkenberg:

As you know, the Community Oversight Committee appointed by the Missoula County Commission to oversee implementation of Missoula County Initiative No. MSLA 2006-02, "Marijuana Initiative" is working to develop its bylaws, grievance procedures and a reporting form procedure for law enforcement to use for future recording of arrests and subsequent dealings involving adult marijuana offenses. Ultimately, the committee is charged with the task of monitoring county law enforcement actions concerning marijuana enforcement and summarizing its findings in an annual report.

To proceed with our work in a timely fashion, we need the following information from you in order to establish a "baseline" of data on the status of adult marijuana proceedings within county law enforcement agencies:

1. In order to better understand the 'big picture', please provide the following break-downs for these data: number of cases involving misdemeanor offenses (and the approximate quantities and/or a description of the nature of offense involved for each); number of cases involving felony offenses (and a similar description of quantities and/or nature of offense involved in each). For each of the above cases, please also indicate the current status in your office, e.g. which are being prosecuted; which have been prosecuted (and what was the outcome); which have been or will be handled in an alternative way (please describe the various alternatives).

2. How many adult marijuana cases were on your docket as of Election Day, November 7, 2006? Please provide break-downs along the same lines as above.

3. How many adult marijuana cases have been added to your docket since Election Day 2006? Please provide break-downs for these along the same lines as above.

For comparative purposes and overall perspective, we also would like to know how many marijuana cases involving minors were on your docket as of Election Day and how many have entered your system since then. For these, we would like also to know how many involve misdemeanor offenses and how many involve felonies.

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4. If the data your office has on marijuana offenses that occurred after Election Day 2006 don't include all arrests conducted by county agencies since then, please explain the status and prospective (or resolved) dispensation of these cases, and how many such cases exist.

5. Please include a brief outline of any additional charges incidental to the marijuana related cases.

We ask for this information to be sent via a spreadsheet for machine readability purposes. If possible, please breakdown the information on a per month basis.

Please refer to Section 6 of Missoula County Initiative No. MSLA2006-02 entitled, "Community Oversight" for a detailed account of the reporting requirements regarding prosecutions for any adult marijuana offense.

Thank-you in advance for your prompt attention to this basic information request.

Sincerely,

Missoula County Community Oversight Committee

cc: Missoulian  
Missoula Independent  
KPAX  
KECI  
Ann Mary Dussault, Chief Administrative Officer