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**From:** Nick Manale <Nick.Manale@la.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 3:30 PM  
**To:** Robert@SoundOffLA.com  
**Cc:** Melissa Matey  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request

Good afternoon,

As explained to me by our staff, none of the systems currently managed by our technology team were in use during the requested timeframe. They have reached out to the previous vendor to perform a search on system archives. I do not have a timeline for the results at this time. Please understand that we sought clarification on this original request as a courtesy and to better reach the results, but we have a queue of lengthy records requests that are processed in the order received by our legal staff.

Thank you

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Robert@SoundOffLA.com <Robert@SoundOffLA.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 1:08 PM  
**To:** Nick Manale <Nick.Manale@la.gov>  
**Cc:** Melissa Matey <Melissa.Matey@la.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request

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Capt. Manale:

As evidenced below, it's now been eight (8) days since I obliged to your request to narrow the search down to one single word and provide a relatively narrow timeframe as indicated below.

Given that this is not a "Jill Craft" requested search entailing emails and texts covering a vast array of phrases, but rather a search specifically confined to LSP's internal MDT system (for which I'm being told running such a search given the specificity provided below should be able to be accomplished very quickly and efficiently), I'm asking for an update on when I can expect to have a formal response to the request below.

If Col. Davis would like to go on camera to provide any statement he wishes to make about any such entry or entries which fit the narrow parameters below, I will be more than happy to accommodate him for making such a statement on camera.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert@SoundOffLA.com <Robert@SoundOffLA.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 2:42 PM  
To: 'Nick Manale' <Nick.Manale@la.gov>  
Cc: 'Melissa Matey' <Melissa.Matey@la.gov>  
Subject: RE: Public Records Request

Good Afternoon, Capt. Manale:

I think I can easily accommodate making this search easier.

Let's restrict the search to the word "nigger," and let's run the search for the timeframe of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

So, we're looking for any message sent by any LSP Trooper over his (their) Mobile Data Terminal(s) (MDT) containing the word "nigger" from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

Thank you again for seeking to narrow what I'm asking for, and I look very forward to obtaining the requested message(s) from any LSP Trooper sent over their MDT(s) containing the word "nigger" from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nick Manale <Nick.Manale@la.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 12:56 PM  
To: Robert Burns <robert@soundoffla.com>  
Cc: Melissa Matey <Melissa.Matey@la.gov>  
Subject: RE: Public Records Request

Good afternoon,

Our staff have asked if it would be possible to provide a specific timeframe and keyword to be searched within the system. Over the last several years, our agency has transitioned from older MDT systems and narrowing the search would determine which system to manually search. Also, they are only able to search by keyword, not phrases.

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Burns <robert@soundoffla.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 2:12 PM  
To: Nick Manale <Nick.Manale@la.gov>

Cc: Melissa Matey <Melissa.Matey@la.gov>; Karen Roberts (DPS) <Karen.Roberts2@LA.GOV>; Denae Bering <Denae.Bering@LA.GOV>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request

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As the refs say in the NFL, "Upon further review," it is actually the MDT system. Hence, I resubmit the request with the acronym NDP replaced with MDT.

I apologize for the initial incorrect acronym, and thank you for seeking clarification.

Robert

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 1, 2023, at 11:04 AM, Nick Manale <Nick.Manale@la.gov> wrote:

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> Good morning,

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> Our staff is not familiar with that system. What type of files are you specifically searching for?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Robert@SoundOffLA.com <Robert@SoundOffLA.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 1:19 PM

> To: Nick Manale <Nick.Manale@la.gov>

> Cc: Melissa Matey <Melissa.Matey@la.gov>; Karen Roberts (DPS)

> <Karen.Roberts2@LA.GOV>; Denae Bering <Denae.Bering@LA.GOV>

> Subject: Public Records Request

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> Capt. Manale:

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> By way of this email, I am making formal public records request for

> the

> following:

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> Any NDP entry wherein one LSP Trooper asks: "Isn't tonight nigger night?"

> Isn't this the night we go hunting?"

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> Sorry for using the offensive word, but I'm looking for that exact

> word in an entry on the NDP system.

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> I am seeking any entry which contains wording similar to what depicted

> above. It does not have to be verbatim to meet the criterion under

> which this request is being submitted.

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> Thank you, and I look forward to hearing back from you entailing this  
> request.  
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