



State of California
Office of the Attorney General

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June 14, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
ATTN: Office of Open Government
400 S. Monroe Street, Suite 209
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Request for Records Related to Transportation of Migrants to California

Dear Records Custodian:

I write to request, pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, copies of all public records in your office's possession related to the transportation of migrants to California. The California Department of Justice is requesting that your office provide these materials in order to assist in ongoing law-enforcement investigations relating to these transports, and we appreciate your prompt response hereto.

This request encompasses every record related to the transportation of migrants into California, whether carried out under SB 6-B, Unauthorized Alien Transport Program, Executive Order 23-03, or any other request. It encompasses but is not limited to transportations that originated in El Paso, TX, Las Cruces, NM, and/or Deming, NM, and arrived in Sacramento, CA on June 2, 2023 and June 5, 2023, as well as any future transportations.

The records covered by this request include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Communications between your office and any private person, organization, or business entity involved in the transportation of migrants to California, including but not limited to Vertol Systems Company, Inc., and Berry Aviation.
2. Any instructions or orders provided by your office to any private person, organization, or business entity involved in the transportation of migrants to California, including but not limited to Vertol Systems Company, Inc., and Berry Aviation.

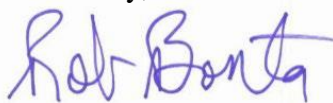
3. Communications between your office and any officer or employee of the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding the transportation of migrants to California.
4. Communications between your office and any officer or employee of the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the transportation of migrants to California.
5. Communications between your office and any official, representative, or staff of the Florida Legislature regarding the transportation of migrants.
6. Communications between your office and any official, representative, or staff of the Florida Legislature regarding funding and/or budgetary authority for the transportation of migrants.
7. Communications between your office and any migrant related to the transportation of migrants to California.
8. Any video recordings, photographs, or documents depicting or relating to migrants transported to California.

Please produce all electronic records in the medium or format in which those records are maintained, consistent with Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(f). To the extent your office refuses to produce any records sought by this request, it must advise our office of that refusal in writing, identify the specific exemption to the Public Records Act that applies, and state the reason for the refusal with particularity pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(e)-(f).

As these records are relevant to an ongoing law-enforcement investigation, we request that you produce the records within 30 days of receiving this letter. Our office agrees to pay any reasonable, statutorily authorized costs associated with gathering and producing the records, and is amenable to receiving the records electronically. However, if you anticipate that this request will require “extensive use” of information technology resources or “extensive” clerical or supervisory assistance within the meaning of Fla. Stat. § 119.07(4)(d), please provide a written estimate and justification.

Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact Special Assistant Attorney General Michael Redding at michael.redding@doj.ca.gov if you have questions regarding this request or to coordinate delivery.

Sincerely,



ROB BONTA
Attorney General