

July 4th, 2008

Mr. Kirk C. Downey,
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Attachments: Dr Downey's email

Subject: Email from Mr. Downey to Mr. Whitenton at UPSHOTMD.ORG

Mr. Downey:

As far as we are aware, all documents on the UPSHOTMD.ORG website are "Public" documents from the Washington County Government web site or were given out to citizens at public meetings. The County should take responsibility when providing information to the general public as this may imply acquiescence. Until you identified the address as being PII (Personally Identifiable Information) we believed the information could have been a business address. We have removed Mr. Parker's PII from the document in question. While it is ultimately the Counties responsibility to check for PII before it is released to the public, in future, we will make a reasonable effort to check in case any has slipped through the Counties' PII "filter."

We are willing to discuss all files on our web site which you feel are not in the public domain. You may contact us by email and provide us guidance and opinion to identify the documents that concern you. We believed that all documents are in the public domain. If there are any files which are not in the public realm that you feel can cause harm, please let us know.

Thank you for reviewing our citizen website.

Eric Whitenton

ATTACHMENT - Email from Mr. Downey:

Dear Mr. Whittenton:

I would appreciate your immediate attention to the correspondence below. Thank you.

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From: Downey, Kirk
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2008 4:00 PM
To: upshotmd@myactv.net
Cc: Martirano, John; Rupert, Tina; Kroboth, Joe
Subject: County documents posted to <http://www.upshotmd.org/>

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has come to my attention that certain internal County documents have been posted to your website and placed in the public domain without the consent or acquiescence of the County, and the Sheriff has been contacted about this matter.

More troubling, a document at http://www.upshotmd.org/tower/20080409_email.pdf contains personal identification information (home address and cell phone number) of Ray Parker, a consultant. You are hereby requested to remove that document or, at the very least, redact Mr. Parker's personal information. Furthermore, you are requested to remove all documents posted on the site which are not in the public domain.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

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