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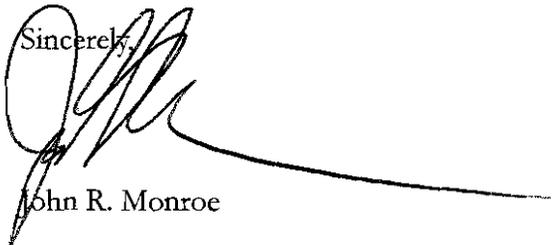
Deputy Chief Diane Loos
Support Services Division
DeKalb County Police Department
1960 West Exchange Place
Tucker, GA 30084

RE: Processing of Weapons License Applications

Dear Deputy Chief Loos:

I am writing you on behalf of my clients, GeorgiaCarry.Org and its members, regarding your department's/division's portion of the Georgia weapons carry license ("GWL") application process. As I am sure you are aware, O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129(d)(4) requires a law enforcement agency to report to the probate judge within 30 days after being directed to conduct the background investigation by the probate judge. I understand, however, that your department requires an appointment for fingerprinting, and that obtaining the appointment commonly takes 30 days or more. In addition, despite the fact that the GCIC routinely returns Livescan results the same day, your department commonly takes longer than 30 days to return a report to the probate judge *after* the Livescan prints have been submitted to GCIC.

In short, your department routinely fails to meet the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129(d)(4). Furthermore, O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129(j) provides that an eligible applicant whose GWL is not issued within the time required by law may bring an action in mandamus to compel compliance. A successful applicant may recover his or her attorney's fees from the defendant. I am preparing to commence such an action against you to require you to comply with the statute, but I would prefer to resolve the issue without litigation. If I have misstated any of the facts above, or if there are circumstances of which I should be aware, I would appreciate your bringing them to my attention by June 28, 2010. I also would welcome the opportunity to meet with you discuss how this matter might be resolved. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John R. Monroe

CC: Chief William O'Brien