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Mr. Della Penna

I am in receipt of your letter requesting information regarding the Manhan Rail Train in Easthampton. As part of you request I have instructed Captain Emerson to search our computer data base regarding this location from January 2005 through December 2006.

Our department logged 7 entries that specifically named the "rail trail" as a location that the police department responded to for services. The specific offenses were listed as:

- 2 vandalism complaints regarding rail trail property
- 1 intoxicated person on the bike path
- 1 accident where a vehicle struck a rail trail sign
- 2 suspicious person calls that were unfounded
- 1 Sex Offense, solicitation for sex

This is the most accurate accounting of the crime statistics that the department can generate involving this location. A call initiated from a private residence would have that specific address recorded for the offense location and would not list the Manhan Rail Trail therefore the numbers generated can be skewed.

To answer your follow up questions:

- 1) I have no knowledge of anyone stepping on a hypodermic needle on the rail trail, nor was this reported to the police department.
- 2) I have no specific complaints but have heard of complaints regarding loitering on the rail trail.
- 3) I have listed the 7 logged complaints regarding the rail trail above.
- 4) I feel that the rail trail has been a success for the community as I see a great deal of usage from families and people wishing to use it for recreational purposes.

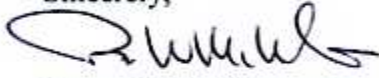
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- 5) I don't see where there has been a burden placed on the police department for services. The police department does respond for service calls to the rail trail and in some instances the access can be difficult.
- 6) I have no information on adjoining landowners.
- 7) I have had no municipal employee complain to me about fear of using the rail trail.
- 8) Latin Kings Graffiti is painted on a mill property adjacent to the trail not on trail property.

Since its opening I find that the Manhan Rail Trail has had virtually no impact on crime for the City of Easthampton.

Sincerely,



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