

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 8, 2015

Michigan Fraternal Order of Police  
124 W Allegan Street, Ste. 1100  
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Re: Complaint

To Whom It May Concern:

We received a copy of correspondence from Rumie Martinez to your organization (attached). The materials provided by the complainant allege a violation of the Public Safety Solicitation Act, MCL 14.301 *et seq.*

Under section 11(1)(g), "[a]n organization or professional fund-raiser shall not, in connection with the solicitation or reception of contributions for or on behalf of an organization or public safety person, misrepresent to, mislead, make false statements to, or use a name other than the solicitor's legal name to another person by any manner that would lead a reasonable person to believe [ . . . ]:

(g) That the person has previously approved or agreed to make a contribution, when in fact the person has not given such approval or agreement. [MCL 14.311(1)(g)]

Section 16 of the Act authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action to enjoin a person from violating the Act; persistent and knowing violations of the Act may be penalized with civil penalties of up to \$5,000. MCL 14.316. The Attorney General **HEREBY ORDERS** Michigan Fraternal Order of Police to **CEASE and DESIST** from the unlawful solicitation method alleged above. If Michigan Fraternal Order of Police persists with unlawful solicitation methods, it may face a civil action for fines and other relief.

Section 11(3) of the Act requires those subject to the act to "make a voice recording of all telephone communications that solicit contributions" and to "make the recording available to the attorney general upon a request as a result of an investigation or complaint." MCL 14.311. The Attorney General hereby requests a recording of the phone call when the pledge was allegedly made on August 20, 2015, as stated in the organization's correspondence to the complainant.

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*By Friday, September 25, 2015*, Michigan Fraternal Order of Police must confirm in writing to the Attorney General that it has complied with the Cease and Desist order, respond to the allegation, and submit a recording of the phone call at issue. Failure to respond may result in legal action by the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inna Volkova".

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