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March 23, 2006

Bob Mollette
1705 Franklin Blvd.
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Dear Mr. Mollette,

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 20, 2006, wherein you request a legal opinion from this office regarding 'public records' held by a division of the City of Portsmouth. In addition to the prosecution of felonies committed in Scioto County this office also represents, and advises, the Scioto County Officeholders, the County, the various County Boards and agencies, the Townships and their officeholders, the County Schools and their officeholders and a variety of other governmental bodies as directed by statute. The only authority for this office to represent these entities is from statutes of the State of Ohio. The prosecutor's office is prohibited from representing individuals or organizations that are not encompassed in these statutes. For this reason this office does not represent, nor advise, the various villages of this County, or the City of Portsmouth.

Pursuant to Section 41 of the Portsmouth City Charter the City Solicitor is the legal advisor for Portsmouth and its officeholders. The villages of the county have likewise chosen solicitors or law directors to handle their legal needs. I would

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suggest you refer your question to the Portsmouth City Solicitor .

If you have any questions concerning this matter please feel free to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Kuhn', written in a cursive style.

Mark E. Kuhn
Scioto County Prosecutor

Cc: David W. Kuhn, Portsmouth City Solicitor