

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the General Treasurer

Seth Magaziner
General Treasurer

June 3, 2015

VIA EMAIL ONLY MazellEq@AOL.com.

Loren J. Bialik, President
Mazel Equities National Associates
445 Warren Drive, Suite #10
San Francisco, CA 94131-1045

Re: Public Records Request - APRA Response

Dear Mr. Bialik:

We write in response to your May 27, 2015 request for information pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (APRA). Your specific request is noted below along with our corresponding response.

*Under the Public Records Act., we request access and copies of **unclaimed or outstanding checks**, for the past five years, including the dates, names, last addresses, and amounts due the payees. (Generally these are accounts payable checks which haven't been cashed within six months.)*

*We are only interested in amounts \$5,000 or over and ones issued by your office (**not ones that have escheated to the state unclaimed property office**). It helps us all if your records have been reconciled to insure that none of the items have subsequently been reissued.*

Our intent is to locate the rightful owners and assist them in claiming their money. Our firm has been in business over 32 years. We continue our mission of helping agencies, like yours, clear unclaimed items off their books, which is a good accounting practice, and help citizens recover their lost assets.

We are willing to pay reasonable costs. Please give us an estimate of the cost before beginning the work.

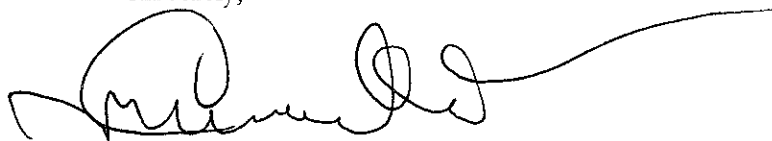
We appreciate a reply within 10 working days as provided for in the law. You may also respond via e-mail at MazellEq@AOL.com.

Enclosed please find a spreadsheet that details payees of outstanding checks for the last calendar year. Please note there is no one document maintained in the normal course of business that details unclaimed or outstanding checks for the past five years. The list for the 2014 calendar year will be available after July 10, 2015.

If you contend you have been denied access to public records, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-8, you may appeal this decision to Jeffrey M. Padwa, General Counsel for the Rhode Island General Treasurer's Office, 50 Service Avenue, 2nd Floor, Warwick, RI 02886. You may also file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the records are maintained.

Additional information regarding the Access to Public Records Act may be found at <http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda D. Lucas', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Amanda D. Lucas
Paralegal

Enclosure