



To: William Miner

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CL", is written over the name "Craig E. Leen" in the "From:" line.

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Victim Assistance Program

Date: September 9, 2015

Commissioner Lago and I met with a resident today who informed us that she was a victim of a crime in Coral Gables. Her door was broken as part of the crime, and she had to replace the door (it is my understanding she replaced it with the same type of door). She is being charged a \$200 permit fee. In my opinion, the Commission's will, as expressed in the expansion of the Victim Assistance Program, would be to not charge a fee in such circumstances, given that the victim would then be penalized for having to restore her door to the state it was in prior to the crime. Please confirm with the police department whether the crime occurred, and if so, please proceed in accordance with this opinion.

This opinion is issued pursuant to section 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City Code.

Paulk, Enga

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 5:32 PM
To: Paulk, Enga
Cc: Ramos, Miriam; Figueroa, Yanneris
Subject: FW: Victim Assistance Program

Please publish.

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Subject: Victim Assistance Program

Bill,

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