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From: no-reply@messages.georgia.gov On Behalf Of Billy Blume
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To: Jennifer Colangelo
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Submitted on Thu, 06/22/2023 - 13:40
Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Full Name: Billy Blume

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Type of Complaint: Open Records

Government Entity Involved: Wadley Police Department Contact Person at Government Entity: Valerie Carlyle Facts

Regarding the Alleged Violation:

Subject: Request for Assistance with Open Records Inquiry

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to seek your much-needed assistance regarding an open records request that was initiated on May 11, 2023, with Officer Valerie Carlyle from the ORC TAC. Regrettably, this process has become an excessively protracted and vexing ordeal, as I have encountered significant challenges in obtaining the requested open records from the police department.

Specifically, my inquiry pertains to Officer Mathew Morins body camera footage during the period when he was decertified by the Georgia POST council, encompassing all arrests made during that time frame. Despite my unwavering patience and understanding throughout this Open Records Request (ORR) process, I have been met with untruthfulness and dismissive behavior.

To provide a brief timeline of my interactions with Officer Carlyle and the Wadley Police Department, please refer to the following details:

- On May 11, 2023, I initially made the request over the phone to Officer Valerie Carlyle.
- On the same day, I followed up with an email, outlining the specifics of my request, which was sent to vcarlyle@wadleyga.gov.

Over the course of the subsequent weeks, I have engaged in more than 20 email exchanges with Officer Carlyle, spanning from May 11, 2023, to June 22, 2023. However, the most recent correspondence, received on June 22, 2023, left much to be desired. I was provided an attachment containing a letter dated November 9, 2022, from Blue Line Innovations, which explains their body camera support and related information. Unfortunately, no additional context was given, and it did not address the core of my original request.

Despite the considerable time that has passed, I have yet to receive any of the requested body camera footage. The Wadley Police Department has demonstrated a prolonged reluctance to comply with my request, leading to a six-week struggle.

Therefore, I implore your agency to conduct an investigation into the Wadley Police Departments handling of this matter and take necessary measures to ensure their adherence to the applicable laws and regulations governing open records requests.

To facilitate your investigation, I have attached the entire email chain for your reference.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. I greatly appreciate your prompt assistance in resolving this issue.

Sincerely,
Bily Blume

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