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ORR Caleb Lee text messages May 24, 2023

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Tue, Jun 27, 2023 at 7:51 PM

To: PublicInformationOfficer <pio@augustaga.gov>, Kristen Settlemire <KSettlemire@law.ga.gov>

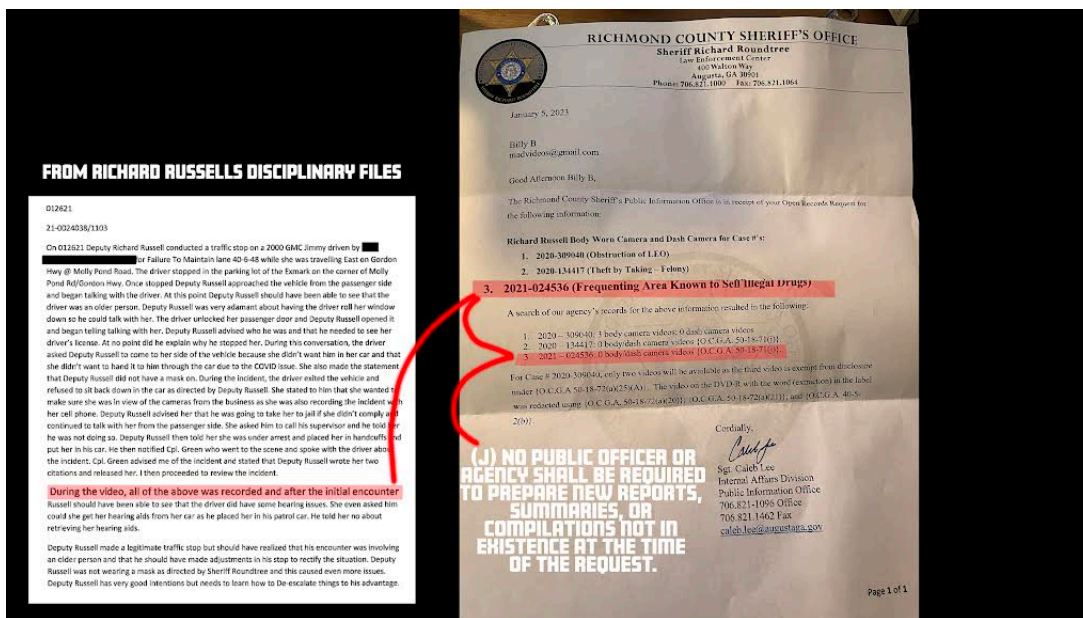
Good day

I am requesting this request be handled by Richard Roundtree or a higher command officer in Internal Affairs other than John Perry or Caleb Lee.

This is a complaint and request. Please treat this with a sense of urgency.

Your agency needs to be compelled to find suitable public information officers that actually assist the public with getting information. This is a lengthy complaint but could be a LOT longer, we will read that version in a courtroom one day.

I am asking that my requests be handled according to the laws of the state of Georgia. Why I am asking? I have no idea, I should not have to! In fact, we have come to far because of open records violations.



I am requesting this request be handled by Richard Roundtree or a higher command officer in Internal Affairs other than John Perry or Caleb Lee.

I have filed complaints on both of them with the AG. The open records laws are just that, LAWS! YOU nor your staff are exempt from these laws. They are state laws with criminal implications if not followed.

I truly believe Caleb Lee is actively preventing me from obtaining records with agency with the exception of what he wants me to have. He states court cases as exemptions however I have received body cam and materials in cases that are open many times. It is a use of prior restraint to prevent me from publishing a story. My last series of requests were for 14 incidents involving Officer Christopher Brown. I received 4. That is a 10% fill rate and is absolutely horrible!

This has been going on for over a year now with Caleb Lee and John Perry. I have filed numerous complaints with the Attorney General's Office as I have trails of emails showing their frustrating the process on a consistent basis.

I am attaching an image of me requesting a document as I seen it was recorded by body cam, Caleb returns with an email stating there is no body cam, the kicker is he is the one that stated he watched the body cam in the complaint. There are also other images for your agency to review.

Request

New request. The DA Jared Williams closed the Jermaine Jones case. I need the radio communication from Oct 11 2021. I have the police statement. There were 7 cops, I want the communication for all of them. Richard Russell, Parker Leathers, Christopher Brown, Aaron Phillips, Leslie Gaiter, John Tarpley, and Lora Hucko

I am requesting the fee be waived due to open records violations that have been reported to the Attorney Generals office on 2.2.23.

Please look again. There is no way there are no 911 calls or radio communication from this murder.

thanks

Timeline Documents

Request Closed ^ Public


Good morning,

After reviewing your request as stated, we have determined that Augusta, Georgia **does not** have responsive documents or records in its possession that are responsive to your request.

For Richmond County Sheriff's Office records (including traffic accident reports & arrest reports):
Visit <https://www.richmondcountysheriffsoffice.com/open-records-request.cfm>

Respectfully,

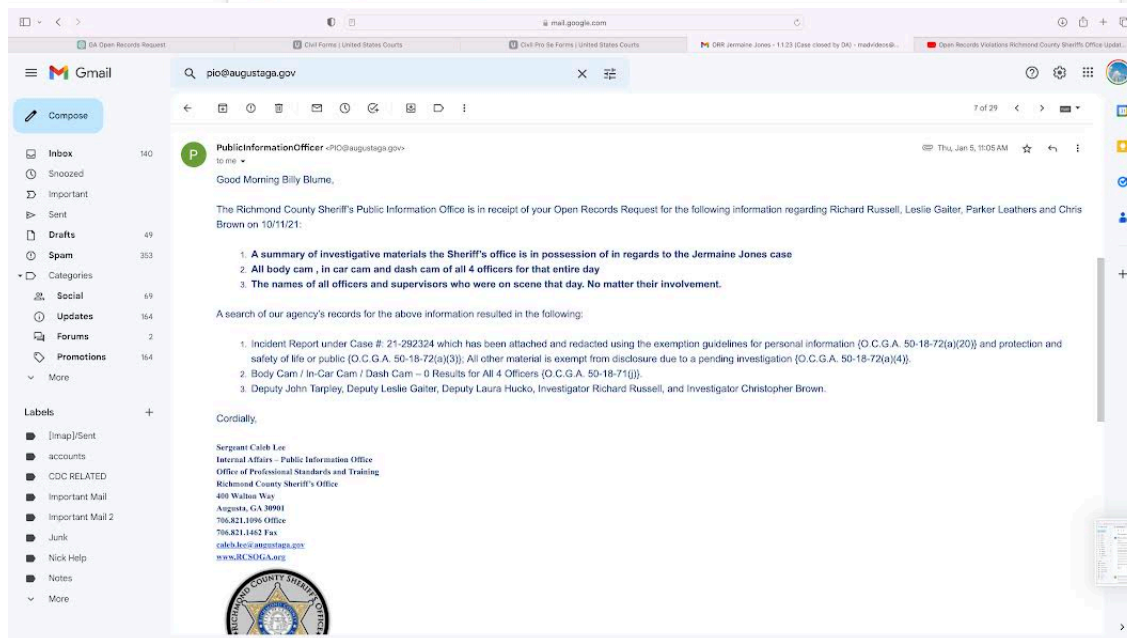
Glen Talley



Richmond County Sheriff's Office
CASE REPORT CASE# 2021-00292324
400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

EVENT	REPORTED DATE/TIME	OCCURRED DATE/TIME	LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE
	10/11/2021 19:12	(5200) Weapons Violations	
	10/11/2021 19:00	10/11/2021 19:12	HIGHLAND AVE Augusta, GA

Glen E. Talley III | Open Records Officer, Administrator's Office | Augusta, Georgia
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Public Information Officer <PIO@augustaga.gov>
to me
Good Morning Billy Blume,

The Richmond County Sheriff's Public Information Office is in receipt of your Open Records Request for the following information regarding Richard Russell, Leslie Gaiter, Parker Leathers and Chris Brown on 10/11/21:

- A summary of investigative materials the Sheriff's office is in possession of in regards to the Jermaine Jones case
- All body cam, in car cam and dash cam of all 4 officers for that entire day
- The names of all officers and supervisors who were on scene that day. No matter their involvement.

A search of our agency's records for the above information resulted in the following:

- Incident Report under Case #: 21-292324 which has been attached and redacted using the exemption guidelines for personal information (O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a)(20)) and protection and safety of life or public (O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a)(3)). All other material is exempt from disclosure due to a pending investigation (O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a)(4)).
- Body Cam / In-Car Cam / Dash Cam - 0 Results for All 4 Officers (O.C.G.A. 50-18-71(0)).
- Deputy John Tarpley, Deputy Leslie Gaiter, Deputy Laura Hucko, Investigator Richard Russell, and Investigator Christopher Brown.

Cordially,

Sergeant Caleb Lee
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Open Records Complaint - Billy Blume to Richmond County Sheriff's Office

Kristen Settemire
Dear Mr. Blume, Attached please find correspondence sent to Tameka Haynes, Esq. regarding your Open Records Act complaint filed with our office. Please let me k

Bill B
Hi, I am poor. Mt. Me just say that new. I am fighting this police department (Richmond County Sheriff's Office, Augusta Georgia) that is refusing to make paid


Kristen Settemire
to Jennifer, ms.
Dear Mr. Blume,
THEY LIED TO THE AG!!
I hope this email finds you well. Mr. Charles Lyons, attorney for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office has advised our office that he gave you the entire file in his possession and that you paid \$9.00 for a flash drive on February 14, 2023. Since we have been informed that you have been provided the requested records, we will proceed to close our file. As always, please let us know if you need assistance from our Open Government mediation program [AGORP](#) in the future.
Kind regards,
Kristen Settemire

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From: Kristen Settemire
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:36 PM
To: Bill B <meadsbill@gmail.com>
Subject: Open Records Complaint - Billy Blume to Richmond County Sheriff's Office

Dear Mr. Blume,
Hi

Bill B meadsbill@gmail.com
to Kristen
Hi
Conclusion
He is lying to you! I did not get any materials in the Jermaine Jones case except the disciplinary files and personal files of a couple officers, this request is NOT part of any complaint, this was a request that was met with no issues. I specifically requested Body cam, dash cam etc... I have not received any of that. The request I picked up on Feb 14th was not a part of that other than of my complaint.
I am attaching the screen shot of the actual thumb drive and media I paid \$165.75 for, NOT \$9.
I am also attaching the money order and I recorded myself that day paying!
I also recorded myself picking up the thumb drive and the money order. I will publish all this in one video later!
This is ridiculous how far they are going to keep that body cam from the public!
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February 23, 2023

Via Email: thaynes@frailswilsonlaw.com

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RE: *Open Records Act Complaint from Mr. Billy Blume regarding the Richmond County Sheriff's Office*

Dear Ms. Haynes:

I am writing to you in your capacity as attorney for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office ("sheriff's office") about an Open Records Act complaint our office received from Mr. Billy Blume. On December 30, 2022, the District Attorney publicly announced that charges would not be brought against officers in the Jermaine Jones case. On January 1, 2023, Mr. Blume submitted an Open Records request for "[a] summary of investigative materials the Sheriff's office is in possession of in regards to the Jermaine Jones case[.]" "[a]ll bodycam, in car cam and dash cam of all 4 officers [Richard Russell, Leslie Gaiter, Parker Leathers and Chris Brown] for that entire day[.]" and "the names of all officers and supervisors who were on scene that day." Mr. Blume referenced that the case was now closed in his request. On January 5, 2023, the sheriff's office properly responded to the second and third parts of Mr. Blume's request but stated that the requested investigative materials in part one were exempt from disclosure under O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4). I have attached a copy of Mr. Blume's complaint for your review.

Under Georgia law, the Attorney General, as an independent constitutional officer, has the discretionary authority to enforce the Open Records Act and the Open Meetings Act. O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-73(a), 50-14-5(a). The Attorney General has chosen to exercise that discretion by establishing a mediation program where citizens may raise issues and concerns with us regarding the Acts, and we will attempt to resolve disputes between citizens and local government.

Tameka Haynes, Esq.
February 23, 2023
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In response to the first part of Mr. Blume's request, the sheriff's office relied upon O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4) as the basis for withholding the requested records. That provision exempts from disclosure "[r]ecords of law enforcement, prosecution, or regulatory agencies in any pending investigation or prosecution of criminal or unlawful activity, other than initial police arrest reports and initial incident reports." O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4). The exemption goes on to state, however, that "an investigation or prosecution shall no longer be deemed to be pending when all direct litigation involving such investigation and prosecution has become final or otherwise terminated." O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4). In this case, because the District Attorney has publicly announced that the officers involved have been cleared from criminal liability, Mr. Blume believes that there is no ongoing investigation or prosecution and that he should be allowed access to the requested records.

Of course, I am not aware of all the circumstances at hand, and I am not assuming the sheriff's office violated the law. I ask that the sheriff's office provide a response to the complaint within the next ten business days. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kristen Settlemyre

Kristen Settlemyre
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Mr. Billy Blume (via email correspondence)

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Georgia
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June, 27 2023
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Subject: Georgia Open Records Act Request

I am writing to request access to records under the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq. I am seeking specific records related to the text messages of Internal Affairs Officer Caleb Lee on May 24, 2023. Please provide me with all records of text messages sent and received by Officer Caleb Lee on May 24, 2023, while he was performing his job functions.

I understand that some information may be redacted for privacy reasons or due to other legal considerations. However, I believe that the public interest in understanding the activities and operations of the Caleb Lee outweighs any potential privacy concerns.

If there are any fees associated with this request, please inform me in advance so that I can arrange for payment. However, I would like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the government.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I look forward to your prompt response within the three business days as stipulated by the Georgia Open Records Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Billy Blume