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Open Records Act Complaint

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Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 1:54 PM

Dear Mr. Blume,

I hope this email finds you well. Your Open Records complaints against the Richmond County Sheriff's Office was forwarded to me for handling. Can you kindly forward me copies of your Open Records request, response(s) received, and any other documentation you believe would be helpful for us to see? Thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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Good day,

Yes, I have made a video specifically for this open records violation.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKY06ihew28&t=70s>

Violations - 50-18-71. b 1 A , by not responding in the time allowed by law
50 18 74 for using prior restraint by using the city lawyer and by frustrating the process.

*confidential I spoke to William McCarty in private, he visited my job and asked me to keep this private so please only use this is you have to, McCarty SGT with internal affairs, now a LT. He stated they are using a pending lawsuit that does not exist in Pacer and stated for me to keep trying. McCarty is being left out of my documents as he removed himself from the requests soon as the first one was sent.
they killed that kid, help me get him justice. please!!

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Open records request initiated on 12.03.22 at 11:23 am

My first request was sent on December 3rd 2022 Sergeant William McCarty of Internal Affairs, William McCarty was not available but forwarded me in the right direction.

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The request was then sent to pio@augustaga.gov on December 03 2022 on the same day You see the email was kind in nature, that way does not work to well with the blue line gang.

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A followup email was sent to the Richmond County Sheriffs Office Public information officer in regards to the December 03 2022 open records email request in the 2021 Jermaine Jones murder case. By this time 5 days passed with no response. This is a georgia open records violation article number 50 18 71 **a, b, 1, A.**

Agencies shall produce for inspection all records responsive to a request within a reasonable amount of time not to exceed three business days of receipt of a request

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On December 09 2022, The Augusta Georgia Richmond County Sheriffs Office City attorney responds to the December 08 2022 email request into the Jermaine Jones case that was addressed to the Richmond County Sheriffs Office Public information officer.

Chris, do you know what Prior restraint means, when used by law enforcement agencies?

Here let me explain it real quick..

Prior restraint is a legal concept that refers to government actions that seek to prevent speech or other forms of expression from being communicated to the public. When a police department engages in prior restraint, it means that they are taking actions to prevent individuals or groups from expressing themselves through speech, publications, or other means.

In the context of a police department, prior restraint may occur when law enforcement officials seek to prevent the media from publishing or broadcasting certain information, such as details of an ongoing investigation or the identity of a suspect. This may be done in an effort to protect the integrity of the investigation, to safeguard the privacy and rights of individuals involved, or to prevent harm to the community.

However, prior restraint is generally viewed as a violation of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which protects freedom of speech and the press. In order for prior restraint to be justified, the government must demonstrate a compelling interest in suppressing the speech or expression, and the restriction must be narrowly tailored to achieve that interest. Courts typically view prior restraint with skepticism, and any attempt to impose it must meet a high standard of justification.

You see Chris, there was nothing stopping the Richmond County Public Information officer from responding to that

request. They used the city attorney to mitigate requests and are in violation of the Georgia Open Records Act. 50 18 74. Penalty for violations; procedure for commencement of prosecution. Any person or entity knowingly and willfully violating the provisions of this article by failing or refusing to provide access to records not subject to exemption from this article, by knowingly and willingly failing or refusing to provide access to such records within the time limits set forth in this article, or by knowingly and willingly frustrating or attempting to frustrate the access to records by intentionally making records difficult to obtain or review shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished

This is one violation I am reporting at this time

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The Richmond County Sheriffs Office is in violation of title 50-18-71. b 1 A by exceeding the 72 hours and frustrating the process by using prior restraint having the city attorney answer the over due email request request as a measure of intimidation and to prevent further requests of the media. At this time the materials were exempt.

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On December 19 22 The email chain from the Richmond County Sheriffs office and Tameka Harris the City attorney were sent to Kristen Settlemire, the Assistant Attorney General upon pon request this was requested after my first complaint. With no response afterwards.

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The District Attorney closed the case in the Jermaine Jones case on 12 30 22

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01 01 23 New request now the DA has closed he case and there are no pending investigations and all officers are back on duty

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The Richmond County sheriffs office public information officer responded with unlawful and dishonest claims and exemptions as seen in slide 10

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Exemption made on Body cam

§ 50-18-71. (j) No public officer or agency shall be required to prepare new reports, summaries, or compilations not in existence at the time of the request. It is a known fact there are videos pertaining to the Jermaine Jones case, they do not have to be compiled as they exist.

Exemptions on reports

§ 50-18-72 (a)

(20) (A) Records that reveal an individual's social security number, mother's birth name, credit card information, debit card information, bank account information, account number, utility account number, password used to access his or her account, financial data or information, insurance or medical information in all records, unlisted telephone number if so designated in a public record, personal e-mail address or cellular telephone number, day and month of birth, and information regarding public utility, television, Internet, or telephone accounts held by private customers, provided that nonitemized bills showing amounts owed and amounts paid shall be available. Items exempted by this subparagraph shall be redacted prior to disclosure of any record requested pursuant to this article; provided, however, that such information shall not be redacted from such records if the person or entity requesting such records requests such information in a writing signed under oath by such person or a person legally authorized to represent such entity which states that such person or entity is gathering information as a representative of a news media organization for use in connection with news gathering and reporting; and provided, further, that such access shall be limited to social security numbers and day and month of birth; and provided, further, that the news media organization exception in this subparagraph shall not apply to paragraph (21) of this subsection.

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The last communication sent or received in regards to this request

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A complaint was filed with your agency on Thursday February 2 2023 in regards to these concerns. No response has been received from your office other than your automated email

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I filed a second complaint with your agency in regards to the Jermaine Jones case on 2 17 23 as I have not received any communication from your office.

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Thank you for sending this information, Mr. Blume. I will need to see the actual requests and responses to be able to move forward with your complaint. If you could forward those to me, I would be very appreciative. Thank you again.



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