



Billy Blume <madvideos@gmail.com>

GBI Case 07-0218-34-22

6 messages

Gay, Robin <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov>
To: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 1:09 PM

July 13, 2022

Mr. Bill Blume

madvideos@gmail.com

Reference: Officer John Tarpley

Dear Mr. Blume,

The following letter is in response to your Open Records request, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et. seq, which was received on June 24, 2022, regarding copies of our records pertaining to Officer John Tarpley (Case Number(s) 07-0218-34-22).

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Payton, Manager
GBI Office of Privacy & Compliance

From: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 3:27 PM
To: OpenRecords <OpenRecords2@gbi.ga.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Open Records request officer shooting

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Good day,

I was writing to see if the investigation is complete on the officer involved shooting below, if so I would like to request the following, if not an expected availability date please.

The officer involved shooting at Charleston South apartments on 4.27.22 around 4pm

The request is for both officers. Officers John Tarpley and Dontavion Jones

Body worn camera footage from the officers on 5.27.22 between the hours of 1 pm to 9pm

Personnel files

Disciplinary files

Dash cam footage between the hours of 1 pm and 9 pm

Any public GBI records regarding the incident, photos, statements, video recorded interviews.

Billy Blume

Thank you

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From: **Morgan, Pat** <Pat.Morgan@gbi.ga.gov>
Date: Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 9:33 AM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Open Records request officer shooting
To: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>

The Richmond County Officer Involved Shooting incident that occurred on May 27, 2022, is currently open and under investigation, therefore no documents or media (video) will be released at this time. There is no way of knowing when this case will be closed.

If you will click on the link below, you will be able to review the steps to submit Open Records Request to the GBI.

<https://gbi.georgia.gov/contacts/open-records-unit>

thanks.

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From: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 6:56 PM
To: Morgan, Pat <Pat.Morgan@gbi.ga.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Open Records request officer shooting

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Good day,

Richmond County officer shooting May 27

I was wanting to ask when the investigation on this might be complete so I can Open Records all documents and media related to the incident.

As you can see in the email RCSO IA referred me your way.

Also can you please direct me to where I can file a open records with your agency for materials you maintain?

Thanks

Billy

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From: **William McCarty** <WMcCarty@augustaga.gov>

Date: Thu, Jun 2, 2022 at 4:26 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Open Records request officer shooting
To: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon Sir,

Regarding your Open Records Request:

The investigation of the shooting incident is being handled by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. All material relating to the incident cannot be released at this time per O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a)(4) (active/pending investigations).

Further, an employee's personal cell phone data is not under the control of the Sheriff's Office, therefore we have no records related to your request.

Sgt. William McCarty

Internal Affairs – Public Information Office

Office Of Professional Standards & Training

Richmond County Sheriff's Office

400 Walton Way

Augusta, GA 30901

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www.RCSOGA.org



From: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 3:23 PM
To: William McCarty <WMcCarty@augustaga.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Records request officer shooting

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I am requesting the following materials

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Personal cell phone data from both officers between 1 pm and 9pm, this includes the following text messages, phone calls and emails received while on duty.

Thank You

Billy

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Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>
To: "Gay, Robin" <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov>

Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 5:06 PM

On Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 1:09 PM Gay, Robin <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov> wrote:

July 13, 2022

Good day, I am attaching a screenshot of the email from the Richmond county internal affairs Sgt William McCarty ..

I am not sure why this process is being made so difficult but now there is dishonesty involved. That is a violation of the Open records act.

We I please obtain my requested materials and exactly who am I supposed to request them through?

5:00 ↗



The GBI is absolutely handling the investigation

into the Deputy shooting at Charlestown South Apartments. The office out of Thomson responded the afternoon of the incident. We are conducting a parallel internal investigation into the matter. Videos will not be released until the conclusion of the investigation per O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a) (4).

Case #22-165017, Suspect Jimperson, Antonio, Date of incident: July 7, 2022. I have attached the incident report from the event. All other material cannot be released as there is a pending prosecution of a defendant in the Superior Court of Richmond County (Also per O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a) (4)).

I'll be out of the office until Thursday, if you have any questions in the meantime, just let me know.

Sgt. William McCarty

Internal Affairs – Public Information Office

Office Of Professional Standards & Training

Richmond County Sheriff's Office

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Gay, Robin <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov>
To: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 8:54 AM

Bill,

I'm not clear about what you are asking in your most recent email. The above referenced GBI case number is still an active investigation. According to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4) we cannot release any records in an active investigation.

July 19, 2022

Mr. Bill Blume

madvideos@gmail.com

Reference: Officer John Tarpley

Case Number(s): 07-0218-34-22

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July 18th.

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Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>
To: "Gay, Robin" <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov>

Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 3:44 PM

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Gay, Robin <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov>
To: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 4:53 PM

Mr Blume,

The case in which you requested records for involving John Tarpley is in Richmond County. The GBI is investigating. I provided you with the GBI case number 07-0218-34-22. The GBI case is still an active investigation. You can follow up with openrecords2@gbi.ga.gov

Robin S Gay

GBI Open Records

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Openrecords2@gbi.ga.gov

From: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>
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Billy Blume <madvideos@gmail.com>
Draft To: "Gay, Robin" <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov>

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 2:02 PM

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From: **Bill B** <madvideos@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 5:06 PM
Subject: Re: GBI Case 07-0218-34-22
To: Gay, Robin <robin.gay@gbi.ga.gov>

Hello,

I would like to file a complaint about this series of emails. The summary is I requested materials from the Richmond County Sheriffs Office through Sgt William McCarty, he emailed me and stated I needed to reach out to the GBI, they emailed me back stating that is not true. Someone is not being honest here. Can you please look into this matter? I would like to be emailed the results of your findings at this email address. Either Sgt McCarty is the wrong contact even though he told me ALL FOIA go through him

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