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ORR Body Cam Richard Russell foot chase:)

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To: RCSOOpenRecords < RCSOOpenRecords@augustaga.gov>

Fri, Jun 28, 2024 at 10:40 AM

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Thank you

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Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 3:22 PM

Good afternoon,

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office is in receipt of your open records request:

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Sergeant Walter M McNeil Jr

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Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 3:48 PM

Thank you

Are there any warrants on file for Russell?

The only exemption you can make is criminal, not Garrity or civil.

Walter, I thought you were on a straight line.. why weren't you investigated in the Allison Walker investigation? She mentions you "helped" her quite a bit. Just curious

I am requesting proof that the body cam is part of a criminal investigation. I am also requesting warrants for Richard Russell or Alex Russell as he goes by on FB hahah he ran from your slow cops bro, that's the real reason you don't want to release it. They were trying to figure out if they could tow his car. It was all documented. 4 cops against a drunk stalker. Clowns!

You know, I am producing a documentary on Russell, 3 years of tracking him and all the chaos he has called. I have it all, once again you clowns are protecting him, he makes you look stupid, why would you? I bet your new sheriff won't see things your way.

Thanks kindly

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Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 4:11 PM

also, in my complaint to the AG and your mayor I am sure they will wonder how I got the 911 call and CAD sheet, since its under investigation and all

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Mon, Aug 12, 2024 at 2:46 PM

Sharing is caring.. the burden is on you but as usual, your agency loves violating the laws. Wild ain't it.. cops that break the law. Real cute.

Dear Attorney General of Georgia,

I am writing to bring to your attention a potential violation of Georgia's Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq.) by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. This complaint pertains to a request I made on June 28, 2024, for specific public records, which has been improperly denied under the pretext of an ongoing investigation or prosecution.

Request Details:

On June 28, 2024, I requested the following records from the Richmond County Sheriff's Office:

- 1. All body cam footage from the incident on June 11, 2024, at Chevy's (3328 Washington Rd, Augusta) regarding a call from Officer Gomez of the Harlem PD advising of a warrant for Richard Russell's arrest.
- 2. The Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) sheet for the same incident.

The CAD sheet was provided promptly by Augusta E911 services without issue. However, the Richmond County Sheriff's Office responded on July 3, 2024, denying my request for the body cam footage with the following explanation:

"After a search of our records, the listed documents are not available for release due to pending investigation/prosecution, per O.C.G.A. 50-18-71(a)(4)."

Reason for Complaint:

Despite the denial, no proof has been provided that these records are part of an active criminal investigation or prosecution. A search of the Augusta Court docket has not revealed any information about the prosecution of Richard Alexander Russell. Furthermore, there is no evidence that Mr. Russell has been arrested by any law enforcement agency, which can be verified.

Legal Basis for Complaint:

Under Georgia's Open Records Act, the burden of proof lies with the agency to demonstrate that the requested records are exempt from disclosure. The denial must be specific and supported by evidence, particularly when invoking exemptions related to ongoing investigations or prosecutions (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(a)(4)). The Richmond County Sheriff's Office has not provided sufficient evidence to justify withholding the requested body cam footage.

Request for Action:

I respectfully request that your office investigate this matter to determine whether the Richmond County Sheriff's Office has violated the Open Records Act. If a violation is found, I ask that the appropriate remedial action be taken, including but not limited to, ordering the release of the requested records.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response and action to ensure compliance with Georgia's Open Records Act.

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