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# ORR# OTHE29085525; Re: CAD for Mathew MacDonald

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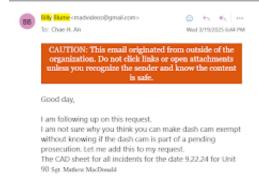
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Good afternoon, Mr. Blume.

So that there won't be any more misunderstandings in the future, as for your request: "I requested all DUI CAD sheets for 2024, NOT just for 9.22.24 You simply do not understand what a request is!"

Is that for Sgt. MacDonald only, or for the entire DPS? I would think that given the context of our conversation, it would be just for Sgt. MacDonald, but we have had some unfortunate miscues that delayed our response, so I thought it would be prudent to check.

For the future, if you utilize the EPORT request system, it would cut down on the chance of this reoccurring. However, be assured that the ORU is committed to fulfilling the OR request regardless of how they are filed, as the Georgia Open Record Act is quite clear in that regard.

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Then you should not be handling open records requests!

I have offered options, but if those are not to your liking, then I will close this request. If you do not comply you risk litigation! The Georgia supreme court ruled twice last year in favor of the open records act and found the agencies involved in neglect. Also Judge Krause found the Fulton County DA's office in neglect as well last year. The courts are NOT on your side. The AG may be but filing that complaint was just me proving I gave you all of the chances I possibly could. A judge will not side with you based on your bad faith actions.

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I have Ashdowns POST cert, I never requested that from you! I will attach

Again, I will attempt to simplify my request.

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