



Clayton County Public Schools

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April 3, 2025

Billy Blume
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Re: Open Records Request

Dear Mr. Blume,

On March 31, 2025, your Open Records Request was received in the Division of Equity and Compliance by the custodian of records for the Clayton County Public Schools. Specifically, your request was for:

I am requesting records related to Ernest Mitchell and Dereck McClendon, Clayton County Schools Police Department.

Image on file / Service photo
Any Garrity on file
Any IA case numbers associated with either Ernest Mitchell or Dereck McClendon
1st page of all use of force incidents
all public and internal complaints
Type of body cam the agency uses

Following an extensive search of our records, including archives, we have the following responsive documents to your request for:

I am requesting records related to Ernest Mitchell and Dereck McClendon, Clayton County Schools Police Department.

Image on file / Service photo- *See responsive documents.*
Any Garrity on file- *No responsive documents.*
Any IA case numbers associated with either Ernest Mitchell or Dereck McClendon- *See responsive documents.*
1st page of all use of force incidents- *See responsive documents.*
all public and internal complaints - *See responsive documents.*
Type of body cam the agency uses- *No responsive documents. The district does not utilize body cams.*

In order to legally comply with your request, some of the documents may require the redaction of certain information prior to your inspection, and some documents may be subject to outright exclusion. See O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(b). Redaction includes the following: privacy-protected information including Social Security numbers; insurance, financial, or medical information; dates of birth; unlisted telephone number; personal email addresses;

personal cellular number; certain public utility, television or internet account information; home address; home telephone number, day and month of birth; 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 other than compensation by a government agency; and the identity of the public employee's immediate family members or dependents pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-72(a)(20)(A) and 50-18-72(21); any education record or personally identifiable information relating to students pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(1) and 50-18-72(a)(37), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; any records protected by the attorney-client and/or work product privileges pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-72(a)(41) and 50-18-72(a)(42); any GCIC/NCIC criminal history reports (other than District Form P-4100b) pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 35-3-34.2(k), 20-2-211(e)(5) and 50-18-72(a)(1), personnel evaluations and investigations under O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-72(a)(7) and 50-18-72(a)(8); pending bids O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(10); records concerning reporting of child abuse under O.C.G.A. § 49-5-40(b); records of pending investigations or prosecutions under O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4); and any performance evaluation and related documents of District employees, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-210.

If the District can assist you in any future Open Records Request, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Hudgins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret Hudgins
Custodian of Records