

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-027**

November 18, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

David L. Shurtz, Esq.

RE: *Price, et al. v. Pearson, et al.*, C.A. No. 19-cv-01272 (RBW)
Request for release of body worn camera video

Dear Mr. Shurtz:

On behalf of Mayor Bowser, I am responding to your November 13, 2019 letter to the Mayor requesting her discretionary release of body worn camera (BWC) video relating to the May 4, 2018 collision which is at the center of the above-referenced lawsuit. After review of the request, consideration of the public interest considerations associated with the release of the requested video footage and consultation with law enforcement and other legal counsel to the District, the Mayor has concluded that the circumstances at hand do not represent an appropriate case for the exercise of her discretion to release body worn camera video on a case-by-case basis where such video is otherwise exempt from release under the District's Freedom of Information Act.

As the requested video relates to the issues raised in your pending civil lawsuit, you have the right to seek the requested video in formal discovery. The Mayor's discretion to release body worn camera video under the relevant regulations is not intended to interfere with or supplement the civil discovery process, and that process appears to be the appropriate forum for you to seek the requested body worn camera video.

Sincerely,



Ronald R. Ross
Director

cc: Betsy Cavendish
General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor