

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-028**

January 21, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Alexander MacDonald

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-028

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you have submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”) pertaining to a request for public records you submitted to the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”).

You made a request to MPD for public records related to “a video taken of an accident on South Capitol Street on January 21, 2019.” After having received a notice indicating that the request had been closed, and having received no response from MPD, you filed this appeal. This Office notified MPD of your appeal, and the agency provided a response on November 25, 2019.¹ MPD’s response indicated that the agency had sent you a letter granting your request on November 8, 2019.

Your appeal challenged a lack of response from MPD. Since your appeal was based on MPD not providing a response to your request, and the agency has now done so, we consider your appeal to be moot and hereby dismiss it. You are free to challenge MPD’s substantive response to your request by separate appeal to this Office. This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with DC FOIA.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Teresa Quon, Assistant General Counsel, MPD (via email)

¹ A copy of MPD’s response is attached to this decision.