

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-068**

January 13, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Quentin Jever Crocheron

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-068

Dear Dr. Crocheron:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”). In your appeal, you assert that the Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) failed to properly respond to your FOIA request. On August 14, 2019, you requested that DFHV provide to you “Bill of Ladings to FBI Quantico for any MPD Entertainment Division MPD motorcades, any traffic camera footage from Parks and Recreation and any correlating Harbor Patrol Cross-Contaminated motorcade footage.

On September 5, 2019, DFHV responded to your FOIA request indicating it had no responsive documents. On January 3, 2020, you appealed the response of DFHV. On January 8, 2020, DFHV responded to your appeal indicating that it had not located any documents responsive to your request and that the records you requested were not maintained by DFHV.¹ DFHV states that its duties include regulating taxis, limousines, private for-hire vehicle operators, digital dispatch services and related industries. However, DFHV does not maintain records related to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), the Metropolitan Police Department’s (“MPD”) motorcade or footage from the Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”).

DFHV has indicated that a diligent search for responsive records has identified no such records within its files. It has also suggested other agencies which might be more likely custodians of the records you seek. We have no reason to question the agency’s representation that it possesses no responsive records.

Based on the foregoing, we dismiss your appeal challenging DFHV’s response to your FOIA request. This is the final decision of this Office with regard to your appeal. 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.

¹ A copy of DFHV’s response to your FOIA appeal is attached to this decision.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Neville R. Waters

FOIA Officer

DFHV (via email)