

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-111**

August 10, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Gregory Slate

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-111

Dear Mr. Slate:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”), challenging the failure of the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) to respond to your DC FOIA request.

You submitted a DC FOIA request to MPD for copies of records regarding specified individuals and events, including warrants, pending criminal charges, mugshots, and photographs. You also requested communications between employees or representatives of the Arlington County Sheriff's Office and MPD. On February 11, 2020, you filed an appeal with this Office. MPD responded to that appeal on February 20, 2020, and stated that your initial DC FOIA request failed to provide a records release authorization from one of the specified individuals. The agency placed your DC FOIA request on hold pending receipt of that authorization.

Based on MPD's statement that it will continue processing your DC FOIA request upon receipt of the required records release authorization, we remand this matter to MPD and dismiss your appeal. You may file a separate appeal in response to any future production of records to you. This shall constitute the final decision of this Office in connection with 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 Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

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