

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-233**

September 7, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Laila Said-Alam

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-233

Dear Ms. Said-Alam:

This letter is in response to the administrative appeal that you have submitted to the Mayor pursuant to the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), D.C. Code §§ 2-531, *et seq.* In your appeal, you challenged the response of the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") to your June 2, 2020 FOIA request, identified as 2020-FOIA-05667, which sought information related to "Event #16032448."

On September 29, 2020, MPD denied your request, "[a]bsent authorization from the victim, or proof of representation...[as] a release of such records would constitute...a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(2A)(B)." In your appeal, a signed release was provided.

Based on the foregoing, we remand this matter to MPD to promptly disclose the requested records.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. You may challenge MPD's subsequent response, or lack thereof, by separate appeal to this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-537.

Sincerely,

The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

Enc. FOIA Appeal 2020-233 (with signed release)

cc: Brandynn Reaves, MPD FOIA Officer (via email only)