

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-028**

March 18, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Mr. Quentin Crocheron

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-028

Dear Mr. 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 DC FOIA request for public records.

Background

You submitted a DC FOIA request to DFHV for the following:

"BILL OF LADINGS" to FBI QUANTICO, for any "MOTORCADES" that the "DC MPD ENTERTAINMENT DIVISION" participated in "ON FULL-TIME OR ALL HANDS ON DECK" OPERATIONS. Please "TIE AND ATTACH" ALL TRAFFIC CAMERA "FOOTAGE" from "PARKS AND RECREATIONS". PLEASE SEND "CORRELATING" HARBOR PATROL "CROSS-CONTAMINATED" MOTORCADE FOOTAGE.

DFHV responded to your request by explaining that it does not maintain any responsive records. You subsequently filed an appeal with this Office, where you do not contest DFHV's response but instead appear to refer to a complaint that you submitted to a local sheriff's office in the state of Washington.<sup>1</sup>

Discussion

It is the public policy of the District of Columbia government that "all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees." D.C. Code § 2-531. In aid of that policy, the DC FOIA creates the right "to inspect . . . and . . . copy any public record of a public body." *Id.* at § 2-532(a).

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of DFHV's response to your appeal is attached.

However, the DC FOIA requires that requests describe the records sought with sufficient detail to allow an agency employee familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the records within a reasonable amount of time. More specifically, 1 DCMR § 402.4 states:

A request shall reasonably describe the desired record(s). Where possible, the specific information regarding names, places, events, subjects, dates, files, titles, file designation or other identifying information shall be supplied.

Your request is largely incomprehensible and does not describe records with the degree of specificity that would allow for a search within a reasonable amount of time. Furthermore, to the extent that your request does describe any records, you refer to agencies including the FBI, MPD, and DPR, but do not mention any type of record likely to be held by DFHV.

We conclude that DFHV properly responded to your DC FOIA requests and we hereby deny your appeal. This constitutes 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.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Rasheena Latham, FOIA Officer  
Department of For-Hire Vehicles (via email)