

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-029**

April 11, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Quentin Jever Crocheron

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-029

Dear Dr. Crocheron:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”), alleging that the Executive Office of the Mayor (“EOM”) failed to respond to your DC FOIA request.

You submitted a request to EOM for information on FBI identity history summary checks. When you did not receive a response, you submitted an appeal form to this Office containing information about an incident reported to a sheriff’s office in the State of Washington.

Upon learning of your appeal, EOM responded to this Office and explained that your request was improper because only the Metropolitan Police Department may accept body worn camera requests. The office further noted that your request was unintelligible.¹ If no FOIA request was properly submitted, as the agency maintains, then the agency has not failed to comply with its statutory responsibility.

The DC FOIA specifies that “[a] request for a body-worn camera recording may only be submitted to the Metropolitan Police Department.” D.C. Code § 2-532(c)(2)(B). You did not submit a proper DC FOIA request and EOM was not required to respond. We therefore deny your appeal.

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 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Alana D. Burnett, Associate General Counsel, EOM (via email)

¹ A copy of the agency’s response to your appeal is attached.