

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-081**

September 28, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Rend Smith

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-081

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 have challenged the lack of response of the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") to your December 3, 2020 FOIA request, identified as 2021-FOIA-01424, which sought the following:

[R]ecords generated from January 1970 to December 1972 regarding 4301 17th Street NW and any related investigations...This request seeks the release of any and all records created by the MPDC from January 1970 through December 1972 regarding 4301 17th Street NW. This is to include but not be limited to records referencing prostitution.

The District's FOIA-tracking data indicates MPD closed your request on January 11, 2021 because it did not have any records that were responsive to your request. You may contact the MPD FOIA personnel to obtain a copy of that decision.

Because you only challenged MPD's failure to respond and it appears MPD has responded to your request, we dismiss this appeal as moot.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. However, you are free to challenge any substantive response received from MPD by separate appeal to this Office. 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.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

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