## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Katherine Camara and Rose Soboleski,

Complainants

against

Docket #FIC 2022-0050

Mark A. Raimo, State Marshal,

Respondent

January 25, 2023

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on November 14, 2022, at which times the complainants and the respondent appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found and conclusions of law are reached:

- 1. It is found that, by letter filed on February 2, 2022, the complainants appealed to the Commission, alleging that the respondents violated the Freedom of Information ("FOI") Act by failing to comply with the Commission's order in Docket #FIC 2020-0134, <u>Katherine Camara and Rose Soboleski v. State Marshal</u>, <u>Mark A. Raimo</u> ("<u>Camara I</u>").
- 2. The Commission takes administrative notice of the record and Final Decision in Camara I.
- 3. In <u>Camara I</u>, this Commission concluded that the respondent violated the FOI Act and ordered the respondent to provide a copy of his state marshal accounting records from January 21, 2016 through March 6, 2020, free of charge, to the complainants.
  - 4. It is found that the Final Decision in Camara I was dated December 15, 2021.
- 5. It is found that, by emails sent weekly and/or biweekly, beginning on or about January of 2022 through May 31, 2022, the respondent provided electronic copies of the requested records to the complainants. It is also found that the respondent redacted certain personal and financial information from such records, but such redactions are not at issue in this case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The complainants also requested that the respondent's failure to comply with an order of the Commission be referred to the state's attorney for criminal prosecution pursuant to §1-240(b), G.S., and that the Commission consider the imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to §1-206(b)(2), G.S. For the reasons set forth in paragraphs 8 and 9, below, such requests will not be further addressed herein.

- 6. At the hearing in this matter, the respondent testified that, as of May 31, 2022, he had disclosed all responsive records, described in paragraph 3, above, to the complainants.
- 7. The complainants argued that they did not consent to receiving electronic copies of responsive records through email, that such electronic copies were not provided free of charge because some electronic copies they received were "up-side-down", requiring the complainants to print such copies at their own cost, and that the respondent had failed to disclose all responsive records described in paragraph 3, above.
- 8. Although, at the time of the request, the respondent was a "public agency" within the meaning of §1-200(1), G.S., (see Sheri Speer v. State Marshal Joseph LoGioco, Docket #FIC 2019-0455 (June 9, 2021)), it is found that, by the date of the hearing in this matter, the respondent had retired from his position as a state marshal.
- 9. Accordingly, even if the allegations set forth in paragraph 7, above, are true, based on the facts and circumstances of this case, it is concluded that this Commission lacks authority at this time to order any remedy to rectify any alleged violation of the FOI Act.<sup>2</sup>

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of January 25, 2023.

Jennifer/M. Mayo /

Acting Clerk of the Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission notes that, based upon the findings in paragraph 6, above, it appears that the respondent provided all responsive records to the complainants.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

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