

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In The Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Samuel Carter Jr.,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2024-0533

Director, Support Enforcement Services,
State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch; and
Support Enforcement Services, State of
Connecticut, Judicial Branch,

Respondents

May 14, 2025

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on February 19, 2025, at which time the complainant appeared and stipulated to certain facts and presented testimony and argument on the complaint; the respondents did not appear for the hearing on February 19, 2025. A continued contested case hearing was convened on March 31, 2025, at which time the respondents appeared and stipulated to certain facts and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint; the complainant did not appear for the hearing on March 31, 2025.

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

1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-200(1), G.S.
2. It is found that, by email dated June 28, 2024, the complainant requested that the respondents provide him with copies of certain public records.
3. By email dated and filed September 4, 2024, the complainant appealed to the Commission, alleging that the respondents violated the Freedom of Information Act by denying him copies of the requested records.
4. Section 1-206, G.S., provides, in relevant part, as follows:
 - (b)(1) Any person denied the right to inspect or copy records . . . may appeal therefrom to the Freedom of Information Commission, by filing a notice of appeal with

said commission. A notice of appeal shall be filed not later than thirty days after such denial. . . .

5. It is found that the parties did not communicate between the date that the complainant made his request for records and the date on which the complainant filed his appeal with the Commission.

6. Because the parties' last communication occurred on June 28, 2024, the complainant was required to file his appeal concerning the alleged denial of public records by August 4, 2024.

7. Because it is found that the complainant did not file his appeal in this case until September 4, 2024, it is concluded that the Commission lacks subject matter jurisdiction over this matter.

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 May 14, 2025.

/s/ Molly Steffes

Molly Steffes

Acting Clerk of the Commission

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:

SAMUEL CARTER JR., 133 Enfield Street, Apt.1 South, Hartford, CT 06112

DIRECTOR, SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, JUDICIAL BRANCH; AND SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, JUDICIAL BRANCH, c/o Attorney Jillian Greenbacker and Attorney Andrei Tarutin, Connecticut Judicial Branch Legal Services, 100 Washington Street, PO Box 150474, Hartford, CT 06115

/s/ Molly Steffes

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