

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Ahmaad Lane,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2024-0624

Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction; and State of
Connecticut, Department of Correction,

Respondents

September 10, 2025

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on March 27, 2025, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint. The complainant, who is incarcerated, appeared via teleconference, pursuant to the January 2004 memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Department of Correction. See Docket No. CV 03-0826293, Anthony Sinchak v. FOIC, Superior Court, J.D. of Hartford at Hartford, Corrected Order dated January 27, 2004 (Sheldon J.).

After the contested case hearing, by letter dated April 2, 2025, the complainant submitted a Motion to Supplement the Record with Additional Evidence, which motion was granted, without objection, and such evidence was marked as Complainant's Exhibit B (after-filed): email, dated July 18, 2024, that was disclosed to the complainant with redactions.

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 form dated October 4, 2024, the complainant requested copies of "all emails regarding Ahmaad Lane 220753" from April 17, 2024 through October 17, 2024.
3. It is found that, by letter dated October 15, 2024, the respondents acknowledged the complainant's request.

4. By letter of complaint, dated October 10, 2024 and filed October 15, 2024, the complainant appealed to this Commission, alleging that the respondents violated the Freedom of Information (“FOI”) Act by failing to provide the records, described in paragraph 2, above.¹

5. Section 1-206(a), G.S., provides in relevant part:

[a]ny denial of the right to inspect or copy records provided for under section 1-210 shall be made to the person requesting such right by the public agency official who has custody or control of the public record, in writing, within four business days of such request, except when the request is determined to be subject to subsections (b) and (c) of section 1-214, in which case such denial shall be made, in writing, within ten business days of such request. Failure to comply with a request to so inspect or copy such public record within the applicable number of business days shall be deemed to be a denial.

6. Section 1-206(b)(1), G.S., provides in relevant part: “[a]ny person denied the right to inspect or copy records under 1-210... or denied any other right conferred by the Freedom of Information Act may appeal therefrom to the Freedom of Information Commission, by filing a notice of appeal with said commission....”

7. At the hearing on this matter, the respondents’ witness testified, and it is found, that the respondents received the complainant’s records request on October 15, 2024, which is the same day that the complaint, described in paragraph 4, above, was filed with the Commission.

8. Consequently, it is found that, at the time of the complaint, the respondents had not denied the complainant’s records request, or denied any other right under the FOI Act, within the meaning of §1-206(b)(1), G.S.² Because there was no denial at the time of the complaint, it is concluded that the respondents did not violate the FOI Act under the facts of this case.

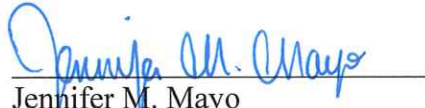
The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is dismissed.

¹ The Commission also notes that the complaint described in paragraph 3, above, was notarized on October 4, 2024, which is the same day as the complainant’s records request.

² The Commission notes that, on December 3, 2024, the respondents provided certain responsive records to the complainant with redactions.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of September 10, 2025.

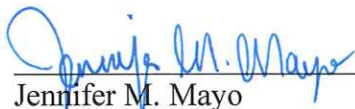

Jennifer M. Mayo
Acting Clerk of the Commission

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:

AHMAAD LANE, #220753, MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution, 1153 East Street, South, Suffield, CT 06080

COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, c/o Attorney Jennifer Lepore, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction, 24 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109



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