

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Amber Allen,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2025-0888

Chief, Police Department, Town
of Suffield; Police Department,
Town of Suffield; and Town of Suffield,

Respondents

August 26, 2026

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on May 4, 2026, at 1:00 pm, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Derek E. Donnelly, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with two witnesses. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Donnelly appeared at the hearing with James Canon, Chief of Police of the Suffield Police Department, and Christine Meyerhans, Records Clerk of the Suffield Police Department. Attorney Donnelly represented that he had spent over four hours reviewing the file in this matter, conducting legal research, drafting a pre-hearing motion and meeting with his witnesses in preparation for the hearing.

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
2. The complainant is admonished for her failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of August 26, 2026.



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:

AMBER ALLEN, 1 Emily Way, Unit 204, Suffield, CT 06078

CHIEF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF SUFFIELD; POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF SUFFIELD; AND TOWN OF SUFFIELD, c/o Attorney Derek E. Donnelly, Blackburn & Donnelly, LLC, 2 Concorde Way, P.O. Box 608, Windsor Locks, CT 06096


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