

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Earl Bradley,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2025-0301

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

Respondents

February 25, 2026

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on January 13, 2026, 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 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 letter dated April 14, 2025, the complainant made a request to the respondents for “all information on file regarding Earl Bradley, Inmate # 415266...[including] the transcript or recording of an interview done at Cheshire Correctional Institution on April 5, 2024. Also notes of any actions taken, or emails.”¹
3. By letter of complaint, dated April 23, 2025, the complainant appealed to this Commission, alleging that the respondents violated the Freedom of Information (“FOI”) Act by failing to provide him with the records, described in paragraph 2, above.
4. 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

¹ The complainant’s request was addressed to “Internal Affairs Office Connecticut Department of Corrections.”

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.

5. 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....”

6. The Commission notes that it sent letters to the parties on June 9, 2025, informing them of the complaint in this matter.

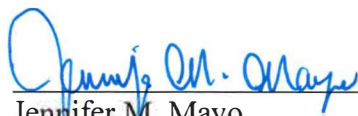
7. At the hearing in this matter, the respondents’ witness testified, and it is found, that the first time the respondents received the complainant’s request, described in paragraph 2, above, was on or after June 9, 2025, when the Commission notified the parties of the complaint in this matter.²

8. Consequently, it is found that, at the time of the complaint, the respondents had not received the request, described in paragraph 2, above, and therefore had not denied the complainant’s request, or denied any other right under the FOI Act, within the meaning of §1-206(b)(1), G.S. 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:

The complaint is hereby dismissed.³

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of February 25, 2026.



Jennifer M. Mayo
Acting Clerk of the Commission

² The Respondents’ witness represented that no “Internal Affairs Office” exists within the Connecticut Department of Correction.

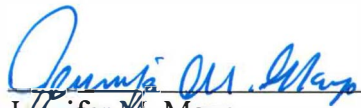
³ Although the Commission dismissed the complaint for the reasons set forth in paragraph 8, above, the respondents are encouraged to review the complainant’s records request and to ascertain whether they might satisfy it.

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:

EARL BRADLEY, #415266, Cheshire Correctional Institution, 900 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410

COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, 24 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109



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