

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
Jan Gawlik,

Complainant

against

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

Respondents

FINAL DECISION

Docket # FIC 2025-0776

July 8, 2026

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on April 10, 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 et al., 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 written request dated July 25, 2025, the complainant made a request for correspondence to and from certain Department of Correction (“DOC”) and medical staff regarding the complainant’s medical accommodations, as well as North Block #1 logbook entries for the complainant from May 29, 2020 to the present.
3. It is also found that, by separate written request dated July 25, 2025, the complainant requested the DOC Americans with Disabilities Act training manual, guidelines and protocols.
4. It is found that the complainant did not receive any acknowledgement from the respondents regarding his July 25 requests, described in paragraphs 2 and 3, above.
5. By complaint, dated August 6, 2025, and received August 26, 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 paragraphs 2 and 3, above.

6. It is found that, by letter dated January 22, 2026, the Commission informed the respondents of the complaint in this matter, and provided the respondents with copies of the July 25, 2025 requests.

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

[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. . . 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.

8. 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 FOI Commission, by filing a notice of appeal with said commission....”

9. It is found that the complainant mailed the July 25 requests, described in paragraphs 2 and 3, above, to 24 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109 (“Central Office”).

10. At the hearing in this matter, the respondents contended that they did not receive the July 25 requests until on or after January 22, 2026, when they received notice from the Commission that the complaint was filed in this matter.

11. The respondents testified, and it is found, that mail from their facilities is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, is then processed by the mail handlers at Central Office, and ultimately is provided to the recipient at DOC.

12. The respondents testified, and it is found, that upon receipt of the complaint, described in paragraph 6, above, the respondents checked their own internal records request tracking database for the July 25 requests, and found no record of receipt of either request. The respondents also testified, and it is found, that they checked with other staff at Central Office and confirmed that they had not received the requests. The respondents further testified, and it is found, that they checked with the FOI Liaison at the complainant’s facility and asked if she had received his July 25 requests, but she had no record of such requests.

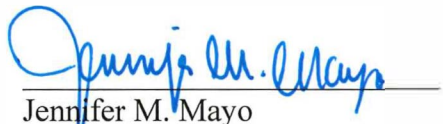
13. Consequently, it is found that, at the time of the complaint, the respondents had not received the requests, described in paragraphs 2 and 3, above, and therefore had not denied the complainant’s request for records, or denied any other right under the FOI Act, within the meaning of §1-206(b)(1), 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.

14. The Commission notes, however, that upon receiving notice of the complaint from the Commission, the respondents searched for responsive records, and were in the process of providing records responsive to the complainant’s requests at the time of the April 10, 2026 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.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of July 8, 2026.

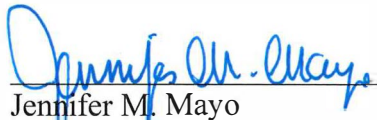

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

JAN GAWLIK, #138888, Cheshire Correctional Institution, 900 Highland Avenue,
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