

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by )  
Michael Alan Crooker, ) Report of Hearing Officer  
Complainant )  
against ) Docket #FIC77-145  
The State Police of the State )  
of Connecticut, Respondent )  
October 19, 1977

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on August 23, 1977 at which time the complainant and the State Police appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. Since there is no police chief or police department for the Town of Granby, it was agreed that the State Police, who, by contract, provide police services for the Town of Granby may be substituted as party respondent in this matter.

2. The respondent is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

3. By letter dated July 13, 1977, addressed to the chief of police of East Granby, the complainant requested copies of "rap sheets", arrest records and files maintained under his name by the respondent department.

4. Having received no response the complainant filed this appeal with the Commission on August 1, 1977 in which he alleged that his rights had been denied under the Freedom of Information Act.

5. The respondent claimed that the documents requested were exempt from disclosure under §1-19(b)(2), 1-19(b)(3), and 1-19(c), G.S.

6. The documents in question contain names of confidential sources of information, possible suspects, and the names of former employees of a certain corporation.

7. It is found that the documents in question are not exempt as personnel or similar files under §1-19(b)(2), G.S.

8. It is concluded that the records requested are public records within the meaning of §1-18(a)(d), except as they contain the specific information exempt from disclosure under §1-19(b)(3), G.S.

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

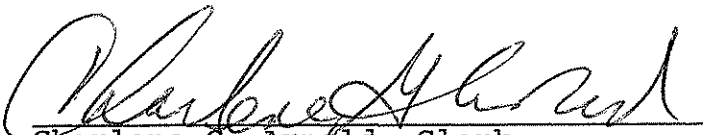
1. The respondent shall forthwith comply with the complainant's request as stated in his letter dated July 13, 1977.

2. The respondent may delete or conceal from the complainant's view only such entries on the requested records which in its good faith opinion are specifically exempt from disclosure under §1-19(b)(3), G.S.

  
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Commissioner Judith A. Lahey

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on  
October 26, 1977.

  
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Charlene G. Arnold, Clerk  
Freedom of Information Commission