

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by  
John Caravello,  
Complainant

Report of Hearing Officer

Docket #FIC79-86

against

September 26, 1979

Department of Corrections; and  
Personnel Administrator of the  
Department of Corrections

Respondents

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on September 19, 1979, at which time both the complainant and the respondent appeared, stipulated certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

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


1. The respondents are public agencies as defined by Sec. 1-18a (a), G.S.
2. By letter to the respondents dated March 20, 1979, the complainant requested access to the background of all applicants for the classified position of correction officer who were contacted for oral interviews.
3. Access to the requested information was denied by the respondents, by letter to the complainant dated April 3, 1979.
4. From such denial, the complainant appealed to the Commission by letter dated April 12, 1979 and filed with the Commission on April 16, 1979.
5. The information requested is kept and maintained by the respondents on an application for employment filled out by the applicants for the position of correction officer.
6. Unlike many other kinds of civil service positions, the position of correction officer does not contain specific experience and training requirements that are a prerequisite to consideration for appointment to the job. In this regard, the respondents may select anyone who passes the civil service examination regardless of examination rank.

7. Disclosure of the experience and training information requested by the complainant, therefore, is not compelled under the exemption provided by Sec. 1-19(b)(2), G.S.


8. The Commission therefore confirms the decision of the respondents on April 3, 1979 denying access to the information that is the subject of the instant appeal.

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.

  
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Commissioner Donald Friedman  
as Hearing Officer

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of October 10, 1979.

  
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Wendy Rae Briggs  
Acting Clerk of the Commission