

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by FINAL DECISION

New Haven Police Local 530 Docket #FIC83-177
and Connecticut Council of
Police Unions

 Complainant(s) February 22, 1984

vs.

Connecticut Board of
Mediation, Arbitration and
Labor Department, State of
Connecticut

Respondent(s)

The above captioned matter was scheduled for hearing on November 15, 1983 at which time the parties appeared and presented evidence and argument.

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

1. The respondent is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. The complainants were denied access to inspect the contents of the file in Case No. 8283-MBA-164 on or about August 2, 1983.
3. On or about August 15, 1983 a complaint was filed by the complainants alleging denial of rights to inspect public records under §1-19, G.S.
4. The respondent claims that the file which the complainants wish to inspect is exempt from the requirement of §1-19, G.S. that any person may inspect public records because it is specifically exempted from disclosure by §31-100, G.S.
5. §31-100 G.S. provides that the respondent board "shall hold confidential all information submitted to it by any party to a labor dispute and shall not reveal such information unless specifically authorized to do so by a party."
6. The contents of the file which the complainants seek to inspect were submitted to the respondent by parties to a labor dispute.


7. There was no evidence that any party to the labor dispute had authorized release of the contents of the file.

8. It is found that the records in question are exempt from disclosure under §1-19(a) G.S. which exempts public records from the requirement of public access if a state statute provides otherwise.

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 February 22, 1984.



Mary Jo Jolicœur
Clerk of the Commission