

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
Spring Robertson

FINAL DECISION

Complainant

Docket #FIC 84-190

against

Reports and Records Department
of the Connecticut State Police
and Farmington Police Department

April 24, 1985

Respondents

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on January 3, 1985 at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared 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 within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. By letter dated September 10, 1984 the complainant alleged that the respondent State Police proposed to charge an unreasonably high price for reproductions of photographs requested by the complainant.

3. It is found that the schedule of charges for photographs by the respondent State Police does not exceed the cost thereof to the agency.

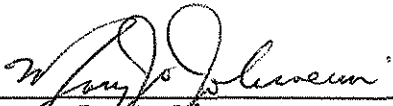
4. It is noted that the requirements of producing copies of forensic photographs are unique and that the costs are not comparable to ordinary reproductions of photographs.

5. The respondent State Police presented credible evidence that the charges for photographs would not be decreased if the work were performed by an outside contractor rather than state employees.

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 April 24, 1985.



Mary Jo Jolicœur
Clerk of the Commission