

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

William Rousseau,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2017-0745

Chief, Police Department,
Town of Windsor Locks;
Police Department, Town of
Windsor Locks; and Town of
Windsor Locks,

Respondents

March 28, 2018

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on February 23, 2018 at 1:00 PM, at which time the respondents appeared with their counsel, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Carl T. Landolina, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with his witness, Chief of Police Eric Osanitsch. Attorney Landolina represented that, prior to the hearing, he had spent approximately two hours examining the file, speaking with the Commission's ombudsman and preparing for the hearing with Chief Osanitsch.

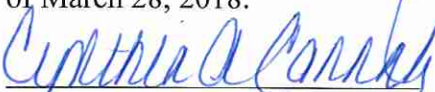
The hearing officer further notes that Attorney Landolina and Chief Osanitsch both traveled from Windsor Locks to Hartford and arrived on time for the contested case hearing, only to have a two minute hearing and travel back to Windsor Locks

It is difficult to understand why, with all of the available means of technology, the complainant failed to notify the Commission that the hearing was not necessary.

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 with prejudice.
2. The complainant is admonished for his failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of March 28, 2018.



Cynthia A. Cannata
Acting Clerk of the Commission

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:

WILLIAM ROUSSEAU, 407 Elmwood Drive, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

CHIEF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS; POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS; AND TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS,
c/o Attorney Carl T. Landolina, 487 Spring Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096



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