

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

David Harriman,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2018-0416

Chief, Police Department,
Town of Madison; Police
Department, Town of
Madison; and Town of
Madison,

Respondents

November 7, 2018

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on October 2, 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 Floyd J. Dugas, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with Captain Joseph Race of the Madison Police Department. Attorney Dugas represented that he had spent approximately two hours reviewing the file and preparing for the hearing, while his associate had spent approximately two hours researching case law. In addition, Captain Race represented that he had spent approximately two hours meeting with the staff who had handled the request and had searched for responsive records. Both Attorney Dugas and Captain Race traveled almost an hour to arrive at the hearing on time, only to have a three minute hearing and then travel back Milford and Madison, respectively.

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.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its special meeting
of November 7, 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:

DAVID HARRIMAN, 16 Shorelands Drive, Madison, CT 06443

CHIEF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF MADISON; POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF MADISON; AND TOWN OF MADISON, c/o Attorney Floyd J. Dugas, Berchem Moses PC, 75 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460



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