



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Public Records Division

Rebecca S. Murray
Supervisor of Records

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Chief Terence Delehanty
Winthrop Police Department
3 Metcalf Square
Winthrop, MA 02152

Dear Chief Delehanty:

I have received the petition of Ryan Gilday appealing the nonresponse of the Winthrop Police Department (Department) to a request for public records. G. L. c. 66, § 10A; see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1). Mr. Gilday requested information regarding a particular car accident that took place in June of 2020.

Under the Public Records Law and its Regulations, all requests for public records must be met with a response within 10 business days of receipt of the request. G. L. c. 66, § 10(a)-(b). The response may contain, among other things, an offer to provide records, a fee estimate for provision of the records, or a denial. G. L. c. 66, § 10(b). All records custodians must comply with both the Public Records Law and the Regulations with respect to the timeliness of response.

Despite being notified of the opening of this appeal and a communication from a member of the Public Records Division staff, it remains unclear whether the Department has provided a response. Accordingly, the Department is ordered to provide Mr. Gilday with a response to the request, provided in a manner consistent with this order, the Public Records Law and its Regulations within 10 business days. A copy of any such response must be provided to this office. It is preferable to send an electronic copy of this response to this office at pre@sec.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Murray".

Rebecca S. Murray
Supervisor of Records

cc: Ryan Gilday