



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

Manza Arthur  
Supervisor of Records

July 10, 2023  
**SPR23/1441**

Chief Terence M. Delehanty  
Records Access Officer  
Winthrop Police Department  
3 Metcalf Square  
Winthrop, MA 02152

Dear Chief Delehanty:

I have received the petition of Jeff Raymond, of the *Bramanville Tribune*, appealing the nonresponse of the Winthrop Police Department (Department) to a request for public records. See G. L. c. 66, § 10A; see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1). On April 16, 2023, Mr. Raymond requested “any responsive documents and/or communications concerning your municipality’s police department and its compliance with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission’s duties under Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 to create a ‘database listing complaints against police officers,’ as detailed below.” Specifically, Mr. Raymond requested:

- [1.] A copy of the document your police department sent to the POST Commission, likely sent between November 2021 and June of 2022, providing the information requested by the POST Commission for its ‘database listing complaints against police officers’ planned for May of 2022....
- [2.] Copies of any relevant responsive communications between a) your police department and/or your town officials and b) the POST Commission in regard to the database planned for May of 2022 as detailed above and/or compliance with the reporting for said database between the dates of July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022, broadly construed....
- [3.] Copies of any relevant responsive communications within or between a) your police department and b) your municipal administration in regard to this database and/or compliance with this mandate between the dates of July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022, broadly construed....
- [4.] Information concerning ‘complaints against police officers’ issued in the

calendar year 2022 and through March 31, 2023, preferably in the same format used for the information sent to POST between November 2021 and June of 2022 for the earlier-mentioned database....

[5.] A copy of the document your police department sent to the POST Commission as sent to the POST Commission, likely sent between December 1, 2022 and April 9, 2023, to comply with the '2023 POST Commission Disciplinary Records Resubmission'....

[6.] Copies of any relevant responsive communications within or between a) your police department and b) your municipal administration in regard to this database and/or compliance with the "2023 POST Commission Disciplinary Records Resubmission" described above.

Claiming to not yet have received responsive records, Mr. Raymond petitioned this office and this appeal, SPR23/1441, was opened as a result.

Despite being notified of the opening of this appeal, it remains unclear whether the Department has provided a response. Accordingly, the Department is ordered to provide Mr. Raymond with a response to his request, provided in a manner consistent with this order, the Public Records Law and its Regulations within ten (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](mailto:pre@sec.state.ma.us). Mr. Raymond may appeal the substantive nature of the Department's response within ninety (90) days. See 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manza Arthur", with a stylized, cursive script.

Manza Arthur  
Supervisor of Records

cc: Jeff Raymond