

Subject: Village of Rantoul FOIA Request - August 4th, 2015 Robbery & Officer Involved Shooting

From: Check CU <[REDACTED]>

To: jgray@myrantoul.com

Date Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 9:18:22 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, March 24, 2022 9:18:22 PM GMT-05:00

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From: Check CU <[REDACTED]>
To: David Wesner <dwesner@efbclaw.com>, seisenhauer@myrantoul.com
Date Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2022 12:20:04 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, March 26, 2022 12:20:04 AM GMT-05:00

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To: Check CU <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "seisenhauer@myrantoul.com" <seisenhauer@myrantoul.com>
Date Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 12:44:21 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, April 2, 2022 12:44:25 PM GMT-05:00

Mr Hansen

I apologize for this. I left the office early on Friday for a couple of things including an event for a family member. I thought I had sent out the response. As soon as I am able to get to my computer I will take care of that. Also, as you know I have been asked to assist in the responses to your request. So, any complaints or criticisms are related to me and not to the Clerk/foia officers.

Thank you

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Check CU <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Janet Gray <J-Gray@village.rantoul.il.us>, Scott Eisenhauer <seisenhauer@village.rantoul.il.us>

Date Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 2:32:58 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Saturday, April 2, 2022 2:33:03 PM GMT-05:00

Attachments: Response - C Hansen FOIA 03 24 2022.pdf

Mr. Hansen,

Here is the Village's initial response that was prepared.

Dave

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April 1, 2022

Via e-mail

E-mail to: [REDACTED]

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RE: FOIA Request to Village of Rantoul

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On March 24, 2022, you submitted a Freedom of Information Act (the Act) request by e-mail to Janet Gray, the Village Clerk for the Village of Rantoul. Your request has been forwarded to me, one of its Attorneys, to provide the response.

The request submitted was: "All police reports, video, and images related to an incident that occurred on or around August 4th, 2015 regarding an armed robbery and eventual officer involved shooting in Rantoul."

Section 2(g) of the Act defines "Recurrent requester" as a person that, in the 12 months immediately preceding the request, has submitted to the same public body (i) a minimum of 50 requests for records, (ii) a minimum of 15 requests for records within a 30-day period, or (iii) a minimum of 7 requests for records within a 7-day period. In the twelve months preceding this request, you have submitted 7 requests within a 7-day period, being one request on November 3, 2021, four requests on November 7, 2021 and three requests on November 8, 2021. As such, you fall under the definition of recurrent requester as set forth in the Act.

The Village is treating your request of March 24, 2022 as a request under subsection (g) of Section 2 of the Act. The reasons for which the Village is treating this request as one under subsection (g) of Section 2 of the Act are identified above. Pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Act, the Village's initial response will be provided within 21 business days of March 24, 2022. The proposed responses that can be asserted are: providing an estimate of the time required by the Village to provide the records requested and an estimate of the fees to be charged, if any, and which would need

to be paid in full before copying the requested documents; deny the request pursuant to one or more exemptions set out in the Act; notify you that the request is unduly burdensome and extend an opportunity to you to attempt to reduce the request to manageable proportions; or, provide the records requested.

Yours very truly,
EVANS, FROEHLICH, BETH & CHAMLEY

BY: /s/ David B. Wesner
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Cc: Janet Gray, Village Clerk

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