

Subject: City of Urbana FOIA Request - Colson & Brown Arrests
From: Check CU [REDACTED]
To: "McNeil, Ross" <remcneil@urbanaininois.us>
Date Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:27:34 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:27:34 PM GMT-05:00

I am requesting records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide:

Any and all records relate to the 2018 arrests of Quintin Brown and Wayne Colson, and the resulting criminal cases 2018CF000107 and 2018CF000108.

Records should include all documents, video and audio files, and related correspondence.

This is not a commercial request. Please provide the records in digital format via email.

This request is being made by news media (see credentials below), and cannot be treated as voluminous or as a request from a recurrent requester.

I am requesting a fee waiver for any fees that may be assessed.

Thank you,
Christopher Hansen
CheckCU.org

I am a writer and contributor for CheckCU.org, CorruptCU.com, and ILDocs.com, all of which are non-profit. I am also a writer for the Public i and the IMC, a non-profit organization. In that capacity, I write and publish articles regarding issues of public interest at regular intervals. My content is viewed by thousands of readers per month.

I regularly post videos to Check CU's YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStfHy5d5G1_EuPnbxePpyw

I regularly post articles on CheckCU's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CheckCU>

My websites CheckCU.org and ILDocs.com also host thousands of pages of public records, largely sourced through FOIA, and all available for free access by the public. Records posted on my sites are frequently used and cited by the public and by public officials.

I also send FOIA documents and information to various news outlets, such as CU-CitizenAccess, the Daily Illini, WCIA, Smile Politely, the Public i, and Illinois Leaks for their use. I am a member of the Investigative Journalists and Editors (IRE) and the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). I intend to access and disseminate the information to the public, I intend to write articles on the information, and I intend to research and speak on the information at public meetings for the purposes of public education.

You can find a some of my media references and credentials here:

<https://checkcu.org/press-and-media-references/>

This request cannot be treated as voluminous or from a recurrent requester. As outlined in Section 2(g):

"For purposes of this definition, requests made by news media and non-profit, scientific, or academic organizations shall not be considered in calculating the number of requests made in the time periods in this definition when the principal purpose of the requests is (i) to access and disseminate information concerning news and current or passing events, (ii) for articles of opinion or features of interest to the public, or (iii) for the purpose of academic, scientific, or public research or education."

Subject: Re: Recurrent Requester Notice – FOIA Request 2022-F-199

From: Check CU [REDACTED]

To: "McNeil, Ross" <remcneil@urbanailinois.us>

Date Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 6:18:20 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, March 21, 2022 6:18:20 PM GMT-05:00

Mr McNeil,

As you are already aware, and as I explained in my FOIA request, and as I have repeatedly explained in prior responses, this request is being made by news media. You cannot treat the request as voluminous or from a recurrent requester. The records will be used to disseminate information concerning news and current or passing events, for articles of opinion or features of interest to the public, and for the purpose of academic, scientific, or public research or education.

Please let me know if you require any further information or credentials beyond the explanation that has been included in my FOIA request.

Regards,
Christopher Hansen
CheckCU.org

On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 5:34 PM McNeil, Ross <remcneil@urbanailinois.us> wrote:

Dear Requester,

Please find attached a Recurrent Requester Notice regarding your FOIA Request 2022-F-199.

Sincerely,

Ross McNeil

FOIA Officer

Executive Department

City of Urbana

400 S. Vine St | Urbana, Illinois 61801



Subject: Recurrent Requester Notice – FOIA Request 2022-F-199
From: "McNeil, Ross" <remcneil@urbanainllinois.us>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:34:10 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:34:15 PM GMT-05:00
Attachments: 2022-03-21, Recurrent Requester Notice, 2022-F-199.pdf

Dear Requester,
Please find attached a Recurrent Requester Notice regarding your FOIA Request 2022-F-199. Sincerely,
Ross McNeil
FOIA Officer
Executive Department

City of Urbana
400 S. Vine St | Urbana, Illinois 61801

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March 21, 2022

Christopher Hansen
[REDACTED]

Recurrent Requester Notice – FOIA Request 2022-F-199

Dear Requester,

This message is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 15, 2022. The City of Urbana received your request on March 16, 2022, and designated it as FOIA request number 2022-F-199.

You requested:

Any and all records relate to the 2018 arrests of Quintin Brown and Wayne Colson, and the resulting criminal cases 2018CF000107 and 2018CF000108.

Records should include all documents, video and audio files, and related correspondence.

Section 2(g) of FOIA allows certain requests to be treated as having been submitted by a recurrent requester which allows the public body additional time to respond to such requests. Please be advised that the City of Urbana is treating your request as a request from a recurrent requester, as defined in Section 2(g). Prior to submitting this request, between February 23, 2022, and March 01, 2022, inclusive, the City received 13 FOIA Requests from you. Those 13 prior requests submitted within a 7-day period qualify this request as having been submitted by a recurrent requester. The City will make every effort to respond to this request as quickly as possible.

The City hereby notifies you that the City's initial response will be provided to you on or before April 14, 2022. In that response, the City shall:

1. Provide an estimate of the time required by the City to provide the records requested and an estimate of fees to be charged, which the City may require to be paid in full before copying the requested records;
2. Deny the request pursuant to one or more of the exemptions found in FOIA;
3. Notify you that the request is unduly burdensome and extend an opportunity to reduce the request to manageable proportions;
4. Provide the requested records.

Sincerely,
Ross McNeil
FOIA Officer