



July 28, 2020

Mr. Tracy Siska
 Via email: tsiska@chicagojustice.org

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request 20-060-240

Mr. Siska,

On behalf of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by this office on July 14, 2020, in which you requested:

FOIA A

Please provide all documents related to complaints filed by Officer John Catanzara from 2017-2020 and any subsequent investigations resulting from those complaints.

FOIA B

Please provide all documents related to complaints filed against Officer John Catanzara from 2017-2020 and any subsequent investigations resulting from those complaints.

For “**FOIA A**” COPA does not possess any responsive documents.

For “**FOIA B**” the table below summarizes the status of log files we found for the officer you identified, along with his respective statuses. Each status is explained below the table.

Officer Name	Log Number	Log Status
John Catanzara	1091815	IAD
	1091628	IAD
	1091404	IAD
	1091206	IAD
	1090359	IAD
	1090210	IAD
	1088723	CLOSED
	1088113	IAD
	1086941	CLOSED
	1086910	PENDING
	2020-0000574	BIA
	2020-0001891	PENDING
	2020-0001935	PENDING
	2020-0002649	BIA
	2020-0002654	BIA
	2020-0002943	PENDING

We are unable to produce documents for logs with “BIA/IAD” statuses. These records are not in our possession. All records created by the Chicago Police Department’s Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA) and Internal Affairs Division (IAD) are in the possession of BIA. Please note that each City department is a separate “public body” under Section 2 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2(a). To request files that are marked BIA/IAD and/or predate IPRA, you may send a FOIA request via email to the Chicago Police Department at foia@chicagopolice.org, or via letter to:

Chicago Police Department
Attn: Freedom of Information Officer
Freedom of Information Section, Unit 114
3510 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60653

Please note that material related to matters indicated as “PENDING” is the subject of an ongoing COPA investigation. Such records are exempt from release at this time under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(i) and (ii), which permit the retention of material created in the course of certain law and administrative enforcement proceedings to the extent its release would interfere with such proceedings.

The files marked “CLOSED” are produced herewith. There is no longer an active investigation in these matters and the records can be produced under FOIA, subject to redaction.

Please note that the documents we are producing, have been redacted of certain information in accordance with the following exemptions to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act:

- 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b): Private information, which is defined as:
[U]nique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, personal email addresses [. . .] home address and personal license plates.”
- 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c): “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.”
“Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy” means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.

To the extent that you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706 or by telephone at (217) 558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,



Jason Szczepanski
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