



LAW OFFICE OF S. MARK MITCHELL, LLC

Monday, August 09, 2021

Robert Royce
[REDACTED]

RE: City of Grantville, Georgia- Open Records Request

Dear Mr. Royce:

I represent the City of Grantville, Georgia, and your recent request pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 *et seq*) for "Any and all written communication between any member of the Grantville Police Department with any member or office of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation between July 5, 2021 and July 26, 2021 pertaining to police case # 21-07-00005. Same for any Grantville City Official, including but not limited to letters, memos, requests, email or text messages. I was told by the police chief the case had been closed same request made to GBI," has been forwarded to me for response.

In response to that request I must inform you that the City of Grantville has no responsive documents.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards, I remain

Yours very truly,


S. Mark Mitchell

cc: Robi Higgins, City Clerk

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RE: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST UPDATE

From: Payton, Cheryl <Cheryl.Payton@gbi.ga.gov>

To: robertroyce <robertroyce@protonmail.com>

Date: Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 at 8:08 PM

Mr. Royce, with equal respect, there is no GBI case and no written documentation other than what I sent to you. I'm sorry if that is not to your satisfaction but that is all we have.

Sincerely,

Ms. Payton

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Office of Privacy and Compliance

Cheryl D. Payton, Manager

O: (404) 270-8528

C: (470) 510-6889

Attention: Effective August 1, 2021 I am moving to the GBI Legal Division

Please contact the following numbers for CCH/AFIS assistance.

CCH Helpdesk – 404-244-2639

CCH/ID Supervisor, Katja Bonds, 404-270-8410

Deputy Director Rhonda Westbrook , 404-270-8403

From: Robert Royce <robertroyce@protonmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 6:24 PM

To: Payton, Cheryl <Cheryl.Payton@gbi.ga.gov>

Subject: RE: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST UPDATE

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Ms. Payton,

With all due respect, the records sent to me were non-responsive to my Open Records Act request.

The records produced were documents I sent the GBI. I'm very confident Grantville Police Chief did not make any requests to GBI. If that is the case please send me the appropriate response.

I requested the following:

All investigation requests GBI – Midland Field Office received from Grantville Police Chief Steve Whitlock pertaining to misconduct or wrongdoing by any Grantville City Council member. The dates of the request by Grantville Police would have been between **July 2, 2021**, and July 26, 2021.

Copy of any emails and attachments received by the GBI – Midland Field Office from Grantville Police Chief Steve Whitlock or emails sent to Grantville Police Chief Steve Whitlock between **July 2, 2021** and July 30, 2021, pertaining to any investigation requested of a Grantville City Council member.

Copy of any faxes or reports received by the GBI – Midland Field Office sent by Grantville Police Chief Steve Whitlock (between **July 2, 2021**, and July 30, 2021) pertaining the chief's requested investigation of misconduct or wrongdoing by any Grantville City Council member.

Copy of GBI investigation reports, memos or other documentation on the actions taken (witness interviews, evidence reviews) by any GBI Agent at the Midland Field Office pertaining to the investigation request made by Grantville Police Chief Steve Whitlock about any misconduct or wrongdoing by any Grantville City Council member (between **July 2, 2021**, and August 10, 2021).

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On Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 at 6:01 PM, Payton, Cheryl <Cheryl.Payton@gbi.ga.gov> wrote:

Mr. Royce, please find attached the record responsive to your request.

Thank you,

Ms. Payton

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From: Robert Royce <robertroyce@protonmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:40 PM

To: Payton, Cheryl <Cheryl.Payton@gbi.ga.gov>

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Ms. Payton,

I received an email on August 18, 2021 that my records request would be fulfilled in 7 to 10 days. I still have not heard anything back about compliance.

Thank you

Robert Royce

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On Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 at 9:59 AM, Payton, Cheryl <Cheryl.Payton@gbi.ga.gov> wrote:

Yes sir, we have received your request and will respond in 7-10 days.

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From: Robert Royce <robertroyce@protonmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:09 AM

To: Payton, Cheryl <Cheryl.Payton@gbj.ga.gov>

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Hello Ms. Payton,

I had submitted two Open Records Act requests and one request was complied with.

The second request was for documents from your Midland field office. That request is still pending. Is there an approximate time frame when that request will be fulfilled?

I did attached a copy of the second request to this email.

Thank you,

Robert Royce

Cell 213 / 280-1945

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