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April 18, 2022

Robert Royce:

RE: Open Records Request

Dear Robert Royce,

Please see below regarding your open records requests.

1. Investigation documents on the most recent investigation conducted on Grantville Police Chief Steve Whitlock.—No responsive Documents.
2. Copy of the referral from the investigation division to the probable cause committee.—No responsive documents.
3. Copy of the documents stating there was no wrongdoing by Chief Whitlock for allowing a citizen to dress up like a law enforcement officer and play policeman.—No responsive documents
4. Copy of policies or procedures when a decision about the investigative facts and determination of how the POST Council investigators proceeds outside of the required committee are authorized to make a final determination.—No responsive documents.
 - A. Deputy Director Chris Harvey's public statement in the Augusta Chronicle newspaper stating investigations "An investigation is presented to the probable cause committee" and that committee will make a recommendation.I need a copy of that recommendation that Whitlock did nothing wrong and no integrity issues were violated.—No responsive documents.
5. Copy of any documents which clarify the deputy director Harvey's public statements and the fact that procedure described by Mr. Harvey did not occur with the Whitlock investigation.—No responsive documents.

1. Copy of the POST council investigation case numbers issued list from January 1 2022 to present and the case number assigned to the Whitlock investigation.—See attached list of case numbers from January 1st, 2022 until present.

1. Copy of post council policy, procedures and directives on when to conduct an investigation and the manner in which the investigation is conducted, including but not limited to the procedure used to forward the investigation results to the probable cause committee.—See attached.
2. Copy the policy and directives defining what an investigation consists of.—See attached.
3. Copy of the audio recording of the interview the post council investigator(s) conducted with Grantville Police Chief Steve Whitlock.—No responsive documents.

1. Copy of notice of the initiation of an investigation sent to any member of the government or police department in Grantville.—No responsive records.
2. Copy of the notice of the termination of such investigation which shall have been provided to the head of the employing agency.—No responsive records.
3. Copy of policy which exempts number 1 and number 2 when the person being investigated is the head of the employing agency.—No responsive records.
4. Copy of policy which after learning that a certified law enforcement officer lied / misled post investigator(s) during an official interview about that person's conduct cannot be disciplined.—No responsive records.
5. Copy of policy which states when and under what circumstances an investigation case number shall be issued.—See attached.
6. Copy of any information which states the flow chart published in 2017 by the post council and deputy director Harvey's March 2022 statements that all determinations of wrongdoing are to be done by the probable cause committee.—See attached.
7. Names and email addresses of all the members of the probable cause committee.—See attached.
8. Post council advisory members names and email addresses.—See attached.
9. When my ORR was returned stating post had no records about a Whitlock investigation, copy of the documents which changed investigator Doug Flemming's labeling the action as an investigation as opposed to something else and a copy of my recorded statement.—No responsive documents.
10. Copy of the evidence received document by investigator Doug Flemming for the photos, video recordings and the written contract between Grantville and Till Production company provided to him and evidence booking number.—No responsive documents.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Jill Perry
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Open Records Analyst
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Re: Records Request

From: Jill Perry <jperry@gapost.org>

To: robertroyce<robertroyce@protonmail.com>

Date: Monday, April 25th, 2022 at 1:22 PM

POST has no responsive records to this request.

Thank you
Jill Dalon

On 4/21/2022 1:23 PM, Robert Royce wrote:

Sorry, i notice this was not on my earlier request

1. Copy of the policy, memos and or directive which states there are two standards used by POST council when a complaint is lodged against a POST certified police administrator and a POST certified non police administrator.

Thank you
Robert Royce

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Fwd: Re: OPEN RECORDS ACT REQUEST

From: Jill Perry <jperry@gapost.org>

To: robertroyce<robertroyce@protonmail.com>

Date: Monday, April 25th, 2022 at 1:21 PM

Please see responses below.

Thank you,

Jill Dalon

On 4/21/2022 10:57 AM, Robert Royce wrote:

> Pursuant to the open records act, please provide the following

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> - Copy of any policy or directive which allows any member / employee of the POST Council to conduct a "meeting" and not an interview with a police officer who has allegedly engaged in felony violation of law which includes allegations of violations of 35-8-7.1 (6). POST has no responsive records to this request.

> - Copy of all the authorized "meetings" (not authorized investigations) held with any or all police officers who had been accused of any crime from Jan 1, 2022 to April 21, 2022.-- POST has no responsive records to this request.

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> - Copy of POST council policy or directive which states the definition of a reporting party.--POST has no responsive records to this request.

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> - Copy of POST Council policy of the definition of a "meeting" compared to an "investigation".--POST has no responsive records to this request.

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> - On my previous records request, I asked for the specific POST investigation case number assigned to the Steve Whitlock investigation and none was provided. Please provide that case number.--If you are referring to George S. Whitlock POST has no investigative

> case number assigned to this officer. - Copy of any and all communications between any employee of POST Council and the GBI regarding an investigation request, assistance with the POST investigator Doug Flemming's interview "meeting" of Steve Whitlock.--POST has no responsive records to this request. The only reports POST

> has in its possession were mailed to you on April 18th, 2022.

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> - Copy of the individual interview reports of witnesses Jon McIntyre, Cliff Schriefer and the SIX on duty Grantville police officers who witnessed the activity, the two officers who called off work that day and Tommie Boyd.--The only reports POST has in its possession were mailed to you on April

> 18th, 2022.

> - Copy of the following evidence which had to have been collected, schedule of the

assignments Whitlock produced and the officers names who Whitlock states called off of work and time they called off which created the "emergency" situation of staff shortage.--POST

has no responsive records to this request. The only reports POST

> has in its possession were mailed to you on April 18th, 2022.

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> - Copy of policy or state law which allows for a police officer to violate the law in order to save a private company money and possible civil litigation against the city by telling that company to reschedule their activities.--POST has no responsive records to this

request.

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> - Copy of the following evidence which had to have been collected, copy of Tommie Boyd's state issued security guard card.--POST has no responsive records to this request.

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> - Copy of the following evidence which had to have been collected, the document which allows Whitlock to violate city ordinance which required a "traffic control" person to possess the required certificates.--POST has no responsive records to this request.

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> - Copy of statements addressing how being a party of the violation of GA Code 40-6-395 (c) and how that violation is not a violation of 35.8.7.1(6).--POST can not decipher what records you are requesting. Please clarify

> what you mean by "statements addressing how being a party of the

> violation...POST does not appear to have any records responsive to

> this request but upon clarification, POST will look further.

> - Copy of policy or directives when an investigation and / or "meeting" is not required to be submitted to the Probable Cause Committee.--POST has no responsive records to this request.

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> - Copy of any statement by Tommie Boyd or any member of the police department which addressed the issues surrounding how Boyd knew to comply with section 40-1-7 and section 40-1-6 to complete the act of fooling / tricking others to believe he was acting in the capacity of a police officer.(Investigator Fleming expressed his concerns with the same issue, so I am sure the questions were asked of somebody)--POST has no further records responsive to this request. The only

> reports POST has in its possession were mailed to you on April 18th, 2022.

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> Thank you,

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> Robert Royce

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