

Subject: City of Boston Public Records Office City Public Records Request :: R000230-061620

Body:



City of Boston
Mayor Martin J. Walsh
Public Records

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of June 16, 2020., Reference # R000230-061620

Dear Edward:

The City of Boston (City) has received your request for public records. This response applies only to records that exist and are in the custody of the City. See A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, p. 32, n.115. It is expected that a custodian of records must use her superior knowledge of her records with respect to responses to public records requests. 950 CMR 32.04(5). Specifically, you stated:

I am requesting information about state and federal civil rights claims (including but not limited to excessive force, false arrest and wrongful conviction claims) settled between the city and plaintiffs between January 1, 2015 and June 16, 2020. Please provide the following information about those claims on an Excel spreadsheet under these headings and in the following order: Plaintiff v. Defendant; docket number; venue; plaintiff's attorney; date of settlement; and amount of settlement. Please return the list via electronic mail.

If you estimate that the total cost for copying and responding to this request pursuant to the statute and applicable regulations will exceed \$35, please provide me with an estimate of the charges in advance of processing my request.

If you claim that any of the material requested is exempt from disclosure in whole or in part, please identify the exemption(s) claimed and the nature of the material for which any exemption is claimed.

Because disclosure of the records requested would be in the public interest, I request a waiver of fees as provided by 950 C.M.R. 32.06(5).

As you know, the State Freedom of Information Act requires access to be provided "without unreasonable delay," and in any event within 10 days. Mass. Gen. Laws c.66, §10(a).

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-863-7153.

Information responsive to your request is attached to this letter. There are two spreadsheets for you. One contains settlements from 2015 forward. The other is from 2010 forward. You should be able to use the docket numbers to obtain any other information directly from the courts. All fees have been waived.

Very truly yours,

Shawn A. Williams, Esq.
Director of Public Records
Records Access Officer