



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Public Records Division

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

September 16, 2022
SPR22/2010

Kate M. Silvia
Director of Communications
Department of Correction
50 Maple Street, Suite 3
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Dear Ms. Silvia:

I have received the petition of Attorney Sam Thomas, of *Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP*, on behalf of Scott Allen of the *Boston Globe*, appealing the response of the Department of Correction (Department) to a request for public records. G. L. c. 66, § 10A; see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1). On July 29, 2022, Mr. Allen requested "... all written decisions from January 1, 2019 through February 1, 2022 which resulted from disciplinary proceedings that involved confirmatory testing of suspected synthetic cannabinoid samples by the UMass Drugs of Abuse Lab [and] [a]ll evidence relied upon in the hearing officer's findings and recommended sanctions."

Previous appeal

This request was the subject of a previous appeal. See SPR22/0808 Determination of the Supervisor of Records (April 19, 2022). The Department responded on August 12, 2022. Unsatisfied with the response, Attorney Thomas petitioned this office and this appeal, SPR22/2010, was opened as a result.

Based upon a conversation between a Public Records Division senior attorney and a Department representative, it is my understanding that the Department intends on providing a further response to Attorney Thomas.

Accordingly, the Department is ordered to provide Attorney Thomas with said response in a manner consistent with this order, the Public Records Law and its Regulations within 10 business days. It is preferable to send an electronic copy of this response to this office at pre@sec.state.ma.us. Attorney Thomas may appeal the substantive nature of Department's response within ninety days. See 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manza Arthur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

cc: Sam Thomas, Esq.