



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

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

November 1, 2022
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Captain Douglas Marcus
Keeper of Records
Peabody Police Department
6 Allen's Lane
Peabody, MA 01960

Dear Captain Marcus:

I have received the petition of Sarah Ryley, of the *Boston Globe*, appealing the response of the Peabody Police Department (Department) to a request for public records. G. L. c. 66, § 10A; see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1). On October 6, 2022, Ms. Ryley requested:

[T]he following records from the Peabody Police Department pertaining to licensed firearms businesses (including individuals licensed as such), covering the time period of Jan. 1, 2017 through the date that [the] records are retrieved:

- 1) Applications for licenses to sell, rent, or lease firearms, rifles, shotguns, and machines guns; to perform gunsmithing services; or to sell ammunition; including any records during the course of the application process, such as correspondences and attachments.
- 2) Inspections, and any records provided to [the Department] as a result of inspections.
- 3) Referrals and complaints from any person or agency on potential violations of federal or state laws, and records of any action taken.
- 4) Investigations
- 5) Records of enforcement actions by [the Department], or any other agency that are in [the Department's] possession.

The Department responded on October 13, 2022, providing responsive records in redacted form, and citing Exemptions (a) and (j) of the Public Records Law for redacting the records. See G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(a), (j). Subsequent to the opening of this appeal, I learned that the Department provided a supplemental response by email to Ms. Ryley and this office on October 21, 2022. As this appeal was opened based on the Department's October 13th response, I will now consider this administrative appeal closed. Ms. Ryley may further appeal the substantive nature of the Department's October 21st response within ninety (90) days. See 950 C.M.R.

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32.08(1).

Sincerely,

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

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

cc: Sarah Ryley