



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

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

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Officer Jeffrey Notaro
Records Access Officer
Clinton Police Department
176 Chestnut Street
Clinton, MA 01510

Dear Officer Notaro:

I have received the petition of Sarah Ryley, of the *Boston Globe*, appealing the response of the Clinton 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 Clinton 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 14, 2022, citing Exemptions (a) and (j) of the Public Records Law for withholding responsive records. See G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(a), (j). Unsatisfied with the Department's response, Ms. Ryley appealed, and this case was opened as a result.

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 25, 2022. As this appeal

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was opened based on the Department's October 14th response, I will now consider this administrative appeal closed. Ms. Ryley may further appeal the substantive nature of the Department's October 25th response within ninety (90) days. See 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1).

Sincerely,

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

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

cc: Sarah Ryley