



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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Manza" being more prominent and the last name "Arthur" following in a similar style.

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

cc: Sarah Ryley