



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

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

November 16, 2022
SPR22/2491

Chief Matthew Ahl
Records Access Officer
Plympton Police Department
7 Palmer Road
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Chief Ahl:

I have received the petition of Sarah Ryley, of the *Boston Globe*, appealing the response of the Plympton 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 3, 2022, Ms. Ryley requested:

[T]he following records from the Plympton 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.

Claiming to not yet have received responsive records, Ms. Ryley petition this office and this appeal, SPR22/2491, was opened as a result.

Despite being notified of the opening of this appeal, it remains unclear whether the Department has provided a response. Accordingly, the Department is ordered to provide Ms. Ryley with a response to her request, provided in a manner consistent with this order, the Public Records Law and its Regulations within ten (10) business days. A copy of any such response must be provided to this office. It is preferable to send an electronic copy of this response to this

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office at pre@sec.state.ma.us. Ms. Ryley may appeal the substantive nature of the Town's 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