

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Public Records Division

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Supervisor of Records

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Ms. Jane Davidson Montori, Esq. Assistant District Attorney Hampden District Attorney's Office Hall of Justice 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01102

Dear Attorney Montori:

I have received the petition of Todd Wallack of the *Boston Globe* appealing the nonresponse of the Hampden District Attorney's Office (Office) to his request for public records. G. L. c. 66 § 10(b); see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(2). Specifically, Mr. Wallack requested data tables that contain specifically identified information. Having received no response, Mr. Wallack petitioned this office.

Under the Public Records Law and the Access Regulations (Regulations) all requests for public records must be met with a response within ten (10) days of the request. G. L. c. 66, § 10(b); 950 C.M.R. 32.05. The response may be an offer to provide records, a fee estimate for provision of the records, or a denial. The Office is advised that all records custodians must comply with both the Public Records Law and the Regulations with respect to the timeliness of response.

Subsequent to the intervention by a member of my staff, this office was notified that a response was provided, dated March 17, 2015. Whereas this matter was opened based upon the Office's failure to provide a written response, I will now consider this administrative appeal closed. Mr. Wallack may appeal the substantive nature of the Office's response within ninety

(90) days. See 950 C.M.R. 32.08(2).

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cc: Mr. Todd Wallack