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RE: FOIA REQUEST of June 29, 2020, Reference # P588332-062820

Dear Beryl:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. On June 29, 2020, the following request was received.

*Materials related to and sufficient to show all instances of alleged or actual inappropriate or illegal behavior or actions resulting in compensation or expenditures involving this agency. Responsive materials include records of all settlements (formal and informal) and payments to which this agency was or is a party for the period from January 1, 2010 through the date this request is processed. Responsive materials include those for matters and legal claims resolved prior to the initiation of any litigation. In particular, materials responsive to this request include all reports, lists, databases, spreadsheets, and other documentation detailing incidents of legal claims or other allegations requiring compensation for claimants, attorneys, or any other party. If spreadsheets or similar documents are available in response to this request, please provide all segregable data, including but not limited to: The nature of the claim or legal matter The claimant and other parties involved The relevant case and tracking numbers for court and internal systems The date the lawsuit was served or litigation commenced The final disposition or current status of the case, including whether a case is still pending The amount spent to date as a result of the legal engagement The amount paid to any parties related to the legal claim, including any city payout and any non-monetary compensation.*

FOIA requires each public body to promptly respond to a request for public records, either by complying or denying the request, within 5 business days after the public body has received the request. Under the Freedom of Information Act, a public body may extend the time to respond to a FOIA request by up to 5 business days.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's issuance of a disaster proclamation, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) is taking preventive measures in attempt to control the spread of the virus. Therefore, the CPD has chosen to allow Department members assigned to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Unit to

work remotely and has partially closed its office due to sworn members assigned to administrative duties being deployed to the field for public safety. In addition, as more and more individuals become ill or come into contact with someone infected with COVID-19 and are isolated or quarantined, members of CPD FOIA Unit may be unable to report to work. In such circumstances, CPD may assert exceptions outlined in 5 ILCS 140/3(e), particularly if responding to the request is unduly burdensome in the circumstances, requires review by an unavailable staff member, or requires resources to obtain records located off-site.

Please keep in mind that FOIA allows CPD and the requester to come to a mutually agreeable response period to comply with a FOIA request. Members of the public and media are asked to keep these considerations in mind and are strongly encouraged to work with public bodies to agree on reasonable and appropriate response times in light of the public health concerns we all face. Given that the length of the pandemic remains unknown and that staffing levels have been reduced, during this statewide emergency declaration, CPD may treat a FOIA request as unduly burdensome, in the event that it is not feasible for CPD to comply with or deny a request for public records within 5 business days after its receipt of the request or the time for response was properly extended under 5 ILCS 140/3(e) because it would unduly burden CPD's operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At this time, we are extending the time to respond to your request by an additional 5 business days.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 312-745-5308 or at the following address:

Chicago Police Department  
Attention: Freedom of Information Officer  
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
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Sincerely,

**Mirza Baig**  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Chicago Police Department