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## **Department of Police · City of Chicago** 3510 S. Michigan Avenue · Chicago, Illinois 60653

**David O. Brown**Superintendent of Police

06/08/2021

Journalism Fellow Matt Kiefer Chicago IL 606

RE: FOIA REQUEST of June 08, 2021, Reference # P665989-060821

Dear Matt:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. On June 08, 2021, the following request was received.

This is a follow up to a previous request: To Whom It May Concern: I wanted to follow up on the following Illinois Freedom of Information Act. request, copied below, and originally submitted on June 11, 2020. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response. Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed. -- \*Note: This is a request for updated data from P584463.\* Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, please provide records of all curfew violation citations per the mayor's curfew order from May 30 to present, including: - name of person cited - home address, city, state, zip of person cited - age of person cited - date/time of citation - location of citation - citing officer - an indication if an arrest was made - fine amount - court date/location if available - any other non-exempt information contained in the record

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. Chicago, IL 60653

Sincerely,

New Police Request Freedom of Information Officer Chicago Police Department