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Via email [94464-83040317@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:94464-83040317@requests.muckrock.com)

RE: Public Records Request, dated June 5, 2020, Reference #P012174-060520

Dear Anonymous,

The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) received your Public Records Act request, dated June 5, 2020. This response is specific to body worn camera only.

*1. All bodycam footage from (inclusive) May 30 to June 4, 2020 of any incident of police use of force including but not limited to:*

- (a) use of a firearm,*
- (b) use of a baton or body weapon,*
- (c) use of tasers/less lethal weapons,*
- (d) use of bean bags,*
- (e) use of tear gas,*
- (f) any other use of force that resulted in any injury to any person other than a peace officer.*

And

*4. All bodycam footage from (inclusive) May 30 to June 4, 2020 of any of the incidents queried in request 3 above.*

You narrowed request #4 as follows:

*I am narrowing request #4 to bodycam footage of any of the below incident numbers from the spreadsheet. Please forward this along. I cannot narrow req 1 until I receive records for request 2.*

- 200327462*
- 200337518*
- 200337091*
- 200330487*
- 200330352*
- 200329913*
- 200328642*
- 200327622*

And

You narrowed request #1 as follows:

- a. 200335459*
- b. June 2, 2020 footage of Ofc McHale #1458 has a bad case number "20032913" which appears to be a typo missing a number, which states a 31 yo White Female was injured.*
- c. 200337643*
- d. 200330982*
- e. 200337091*
- f. 200339699*

g. 200333760  
h. 200339887  
i. 200337524  
j. 200337483  
k. 200327735  
l. 200330330  
m. 200330261  
n. 200828385  
o. 200328460  
p. 200330352  
q. 200328012

SFPD will, of course, respond to your request in compliance with the law. SFPD must balance its duty to respond to public records requests with its duty to perform the broad range of tasks performed by SFPD personnel that result in keeping the peace and maintaining safety in our communities. Responding to your request will be quite burdensome and time-consuming, especially when coupled with our duty also to respond to like public records requests from others. SFPD will not be able to respond within the customary time frame without unreasonably impinging on its ability to perform its other duties.

It is in this rare circumstance that we find it necessary to invoke a rule of reason to guide the timing of our response to your public records request. As the City Attorney has stated on pages 97-98 of the *Good Government Guide*, which is available on the City Attorney's website, the law recognizes that when there is a conflict between a department's performance of its wide range of duties, and its responsibilities under public records laws, reason demands flexibility in the timing of responses to requests.

Under this rule and given the SFPD's other public obligations, we will not be able to devote an unlimited amount of staff time to your request and like requests. Nevertheless, we intend to provide a complete response to your request, but it will take longer than ordinarily is the case.

Over time, we expect this backlog problem to recede, and expect to be able to move more quickly on requests such as yours, particularly if the records being sought have already been reviewed in order to respond to an earlier request. We intend to provide records in response to your request, and other like requests, on a rolling basis. We will provide you with a brief update by Friday, June 23, 2023.

Please let me know if you have any questions pertaining to this letter, or any suggestions you might have that could expedite our response to your request.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Christopher Beauchamp #561  
Officer in Charge  
Risk Management – Legal Division – BWC Unit