



CITY OF CHICAGO



August 17, 2023

Bailey Pillon

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of August 17, 2023., Reference # F054368-081723.

Dear Bailey Pillon,

This correspondence is in response to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the City of Chicago Office of the City Clerk on August 17, 2023. You requested:

"Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140), I hereby request the following records: All records within your agency's possession, irrespective of timeframe, and with respect to following criteria: 1. All records related to Jarad Anthony Higgins, better known as Juice WRLD, related to his death on December 8th, 2019. It is noted that one or more officers from the Chicago PD, were present or informed by dispatched about Jarad, on or about the time of his death. 2. All records related to Jarad A. Higgins being under investigation leading up to his death such as surveillance records, reports, memos, emails, and so on as well as all records after his death."

The Office of the City Clerk has no responsive documents to your request.

Please note that each City department is a separate "public body" under Section 2 of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/2(a); Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784 (1st Dist. 1999) ("Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are 'public bodies' as defined by the FOIA."). A FOIA request must be directed to the Department that maintains the records you seek.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, (877) 299-3642. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office at clerkfoia@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Steven Peacock
Senior Labor Relations Specialist/FOIA Officer
Office of the City Clerk