



Dear Mr. Claffy,

I received your request for records on December 21, 2015. You may want to direct future requests directly to me at 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135.

Please note that the representatives of the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ did not provide us with the report numbers, names, or other identifying information that those representatives used in their analysis regarding the use of canines by the Ferguson Police Department.

Therefore, we do not know what police reports or supporting documentation they used in making their statements in the March 4, 2015, report.

If you are asking for all police reports of incidents involving the use of canines within the City of Ferguson to try to analyze the issue yourself, that will take a substantial amount of work and the cost will be significant. First, we will need to research all police reports within a specific time frame (which you will need to provide to us) to determine what reports reference canines. Then, we must determine which reports are subject to disclosure in accordance with Section 610.100 and 610.105 R.S.Mo. and other applicable law. The reports which are subject to disclosure must be redacted to some extent because police reports routinely include social security numbers and some reports may contain other confidential information.

A cash deposit will be required prior to undertaking this task. Before I attempt to estimate the costs associated with such a request and determine an appropriate amount for a deposit, I would like to know if you are, in fact, asking for all police reports of incidents involving the use of canines. If that is the case, please provide me with a time frame so that I may better estimate the costs associated with the work and determine an appropriate deposit amount.

I will await your response.

Sincerely,

Megan Asikainen
City Clerk