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New Britain Police Department  
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Re: Public Records Request

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES  
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OF CONNECTICUT  
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Dear FOIA Administrator:

On behalf of Shawn Dowdell, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200 et seq., I request copies of the following records:

- (1) All records documenting the killing of Zoe Dowdell by New Britain employees on December 14, 2017, including but not limited to video and/or audio recordings;
- (2) All records leading up to New Britain employees' contact with Zoe Dowdell on December 14, 2017, including but not limited to all radio logs, dispatch logs, 911 calls, and any other calls for service; and
- (3) All records documenting New Britain employees' involvement in the death of Zoe Dowdell on December 14, 2017, including but not limited to all incident reports, arrest reports, reports to prosecutors, use of force reports, or death-in-custody reports.

Because FOIA governs information recorded "by any . . . method," Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(5), your search for records should include electronic as well as tangible sources, that is, all records or communications preserved in electronic or written form, including but not limited to correspondence, interoffice memoranda, intraoffice memoranda, documents, data, videotapes, audio tapes, letters, faxes, files, guidance, guidelines, evaluations, databases, instructions, analyses, agreements, notes, orders, policies, procedures, protocols, reports, rules, technical manuals, technical specifications, training manuals, or studies.

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I have addressed this request to you in the belief that you are the custodian of such records. If you are not, please forward this request to the proper custodian of such documents and inform me of who the proper custodian is.

I am prepared to pay reasonable costs for copies of the records upon delivery, provided that the total does not exceed \$100. If the total cost of producing the records would exceed that amount, please notify me before incurring the expense.

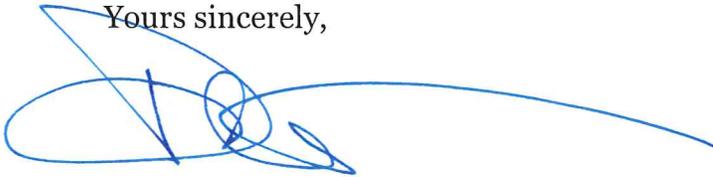
If an otherwise public record has a portion that is exempt from disclosure, you should redact the exempt portion and release a copy of the rest of the record together with a notation identifying the specific exemption that you believe applies to the portion withheld. If you have questions about this request, please feel free to contact me.

If you have any questions or concerns, including the scope of any of our requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at the below email address.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-206, I expect a response regarding this request within the four (4) working day statutory time limit.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Barrett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Barrett  
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