

Aaron Stevenson

From: Coleen McCauley <colemcc@regent.edu>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 11:09 AM
To: Aaron Stevenson
Cc: C A. Mitchell[cbn.org]
Subject: Re: [External] RE: FOIA request for records

Dear Aaron Stevenson,

In response to your most recent request for records (policy manual) on November 26, 2023, you state you are requesting the records pursuant the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Virginia Code §2.2-3700 et seq.) As a private institution, the university and the campus police department are not subject to FOIA, and our office will not be providing the records you requested.

Regards,

C. McCauley

From: Aaron Stevenson <police@eternalvigilance.net>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 8:11 AM
To: Coleen McCauley <colemcc@regent.edu>
Cc: C A. Mitchell[cbn.org] <ca.mitchell@cbn.org>
Subject: [External] RE: FOIA request for records

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Ms. McCauley,

I disagree. The Virginia Freedom of Information Act contains the following provision:

For the purposes of the provisions of this chapter applicable to access to public records, [...] private police departments as defined in §9.1-101 shall be considered public bodies and, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, shall have the same obligations to disclose public records as other custodians of public records. Virginia Code §2.2-3701, "Public body".

Although Regent University is a private institution, its police department is defined by VFOIA to be a public body and it is obligated to respond to a request for records. I urge you to reconsider your position and to supply a response complying with the requirements of VFOIA within the required time frame.

- Aaron Stevenson

From: Coleen McCauley <colemcc@regent.edu>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 3:30 PM
To: police@eternalvigilance.net
Cc: C A. Mitchell[cbn.org] <ca.mitchell@cbn.org>
Subject: Re: FOIA request for records

Dear Aaron Stevenson,

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The email below is the response you were provided for your previous request from March of this year.

Thank you.

From: Coleen McCauley <colemcc@regent.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:40 PM
To: police@eternalvigilance.net <police@eternalvigilance.net>
Cc: Chris Mitchell <chrimi6@regent.edu>
Subject: FOIA request for records

Dear Aaron Stevenson,

I received your request for records under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). As a private institution, the University is not subject to FOIA, and my office will not be providing the records you requested.

Thank you.



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