

Chicopee Police Department

110 Church St., Chicopee, Ma. 01020
Office of the Records Access Officer



3/25/2025

Dear **Gerard J DiSanti**

In response to your public record request for 24CHI-3602-OF / 25CHI-257-WA involving Robin L Blanchette-Gage, received by the Chicopee Police Department on **3/25/2025**, the department intends to withhold the above-referenced requested record due to the applicability of the following exemptions and the reasons set forth below:

Exemption F:

The Investigative Exemption states "investigatory materials necessarily compiled out of the public view by law enforcement or other investigatory officials the disclosure of which materials would probably so prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement that such disclosure would not be in the public interest"

This exemption essentially covers three areas:

1. **Ongoing investigations:** Information that may alert suspects, or otherwise jeopardize an ongoing investigation, may be withheld.
2. **Future Investigations:** Confidential investigative techniques may be withheld that would jeopardize future investigative efforts.
3. **Confidentiality:** information may be withheld to provide an assurance of confidentiality to private citizens so that they will speak openly about matters under investigation. Accordingly, any details in witness statements, which if released create a grave risk of directly or indirectly identifying a private citizen who volunteers as a witness are indefinitely exempt.

The Chicopee Police Department intends to withhold the requested record as it pertains to an ongoing prosecution, and if released publically would jeopardize the defendant's right to a fair trial by an unprejudiced jury of their peers. If this decision is appealed, the Chicopee Police Department would ask the Supervisor of Public Records to deny the appeal on the grounds that the records are subjects of dispute in an active litigation as outlined in 950 CMR 32.08.

If desired, these records may also be obtained via court ordered subpoena, or standard discovery proceeding through the District Attorney's office at the Chicopee District Court.

Be advised, the Chicopee Police Department does not release police records to be used for commercial purposes

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Supervisor of Records, at the address below. The Appeal should include your original request along with this response to:

Supervisor of Records Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth McCormack Building, Room 1719 One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108

You also have the right to seek judicial review of an unfavorable decision by commencing a civil action in the superior court.

Sincerely,

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