



## Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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VIA Email: 151558-77117969@requests.muckrock.com

Re: FOIL Number OPRHP-23-09-005

Dear Jackson Parker:

This letter responds to your request for records under the Freedom of Information Law received by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (the "Office") on September 05, 2023, seeking:

1. Any and all policies, guidelines, or protocols that govern the actions of state forest rangers when encountering individuals in state parks, including criteria or indicators used to identify someone as a suspect or fugitive.
2. Information on the extent of authority that state forest rangers have in checking the identity of individuals they encounter.
3. The specific circumstances under which state forest rangers are authorized to contact other law enforcement agencies.
4. Specific incident reports, communications, and any other documents related to the discovery and reporting of Jesse Bedell by state forest rangers near Chub Lake in the town of Arietta in from Jan 1 2023 to Sept 5 2023."

The Office does not employ "state forest rangers." Accordingly, the Office does not have any records responsive to your request. Further, the Office does not have jurisdiction over the Chub Lake in the town of Arietta, which is in the Adirondack Park. Please contact the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, which may have the records you seek.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89(4)(a) you have 30 days to submit a written appeal of this determination of the release of records to:

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation FOIL  
Appeals Officer  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12238

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Petra M. Larsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Petra" being more prominent than the last name "Larsen".

Petra M. Larsen  
Records Access Officer