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APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS **DATE**: 04/02/2024 To: Town of Tonawanda Police Records Access Officer I wish to inspect and/or receive a copy of the following record(s): Complaint #: N/A _____ Date of Incident: N/A Police Report: N/A Location of Incident: N/A Other: (Identify as clearly as possible i.e. dates, names, addresses) Please see next page for full request. For Samuel Sinyangwe 617-299-1832 PHONE Samuel Sinyangwe 161519-04867034@requests.muckrock.com **PRINTED NAME EMAIL ADDRESS** MuckRock News, DEPT MR161519, 263 Huntington Ave Type of copy in which records are **ADDRESS** preferred if approved: (circle one) Boston, MA 02115 **Hard Copy** Email CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Any person denied access to records may appeal the denial within 30 days of the denial. Such appeals should be addressed to the Town of Tonawanda Appeals Officer, Michael Kooshoian, 2919 Delaware Ave., Room 2, Kenmore, New York 14217. **FOR AGENCY USE ONLY REQUEST ACCEPTED BY** (Please Print Name / Badge #) DATE APPROVED: Date # of Photocopies: AMOUNT (OWED) (PAID): (.25¢/page \$1.00/CD-DVD) \$ **EMAILED** (No Charge) – Attach Copy of printed sent email for verification RECORD/DOCUMENT DOES NOT EXIST (Freedom of Information Law pertains to existing records. Section 89(3) of that Statute provides in part that an agency is not required to prepare a record that is not maintained by the agency in response to a request. In short, if the record in question does not exist, the Freedom of Information Law would not apply.) **DENIED** (for the reason(s) checked below) ___ Exempted by statute other than Freedom of Information ___Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy Would impair contract awards or collective bargaining agreements Trade secret; confidential commercial information Law enforcement records ___Would endanger the life or safety of any person Interagency or intra-agency materials ___Record is not maintained by this agency _Record of which this agency is legal custodian cannot be found ____Other (specify) _____

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request the following records:

- 1. the total number of use of force incidents in 2022.
- 2. the total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force, in 2022 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2022, baton incidents in 2022, etc.)
- 3. the total number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
- 4. the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
- 5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
- 6. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
- 7. the total number of officer-involved shootings in 2022, both fatal and non-fatal.
- 8. the total number of people who police used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, in 2022.

When available, I would appreciate being sent individualized data in this request in spreadsheet format. If individualized data are unavailable, please send information that includes aggregate statistics for the item instead.

Note that my requests for civilian complaints are specifically for civilian complaints, please do not include complaints filed by one officer/the department against another officer.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sinyangwe