



Police Department
JAMES P. STAUFFIGER
 CHIEF OF POLICE



APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS

To: Town of Tonawanda Police Records Access Officer

DATE: 01/14/2025

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 MV104-A: 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.

Raj For Brett Michael Battaglia-Szyjka
 SIGNATURE

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 PRINTED NAME

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 ADDRESS

Type of copy in which records are preferred if approved: (circle one)

Boston, MA 02115
 CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Hard Copy **Email**

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) _____

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE RELEASING INFORMATION
 TTP 162 08/2022

DATE INFORMATION RELEASED

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Documents related to the murder investigations of 71-year-old Parler W. Edwards and 40-year-old Ernest Jones. The murders occurred on October 8th and 9th, 1980 in or near Buffalo, New York. The murders were investigated as part of a task force by the Buffalo Police Department, New York State Police Department, Erie County Sheriff's Office, Cheektowaga Sheriff's Office, Town of Tonawanda Police Department, Erie County District Attorney's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), among others.

I kindly request the disclosure of the following information and records, including but not limited to:

- Autopsy reports of both victims
- Investigation records, including case files, incident reports, and evidence logs
- Audio recordings related to the investigation, such as 911 calls, police radio transmissions, and interviews
- Phone logs and transcripts pertaining to communication between individuals involved in the case
- Interview records, including transcripts, summaries and notes from interviews conducted with witnesses, suspects, and persons of interest
- DNA reports and analysis results related to the crime scene and evidence collected
- Letters, correspondence, and written communications associated with the investigation
- Photographs depicting the crime scene, victims, suspects, and evidence
- Notes, memoranda and internal communications related to the investigation, including relevant inter-agency communications

Further, I request that the scope of this FOIA request includes any records generated by the .22-Caliber Task Force, which investigated the killings.

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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,

Brett Michael Battaglia-Szyjka