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December 29, 2020

VIA REGULAR MAIL & EMAIL

Beryl C.D. Lipton
Project Director MuckRock News
DEPT MR 95960
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: Town of Cicero Police Department FOIL Request

Dear Ms. Lipton:

I am in receipt of the correspondence submitted by MuckRock News dated December 23 to my office requesting a follow up to a Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request.

My office has been working on researching this information which is very time consuming in light of the extremely broad nature of the FOIL request . Please provide a more concise and detailed scope of your FOIL request. I have also attached the letter dated July 29, 2020 with comments regarding the original FOIL request.

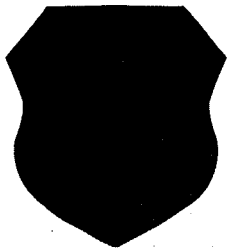
Please provide the requested clarification, explanation and revisions my office. Once the Town receives this information from you, we will proceed from that point.

Thank you

Respectfully,

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July 27, 2020

VIA REGULAR MAIL & EMAIL

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Re: Town of Cicero Police Department Foil Request

To Whom it May Concern:

I am in receipt of identical Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") requests submitted by MuckRock News dated June 24th and July 9th to the Town of Cicero ("Town") Police Department.

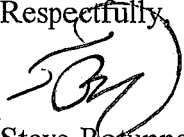
The Town Police Department mailed acknowledgment letters on June 24th and July 9th regarding the FOIL request. Since the Town's acknowledgement of the FOIL request, it has become apparent that circumstances exist that prevent disclosure within twenty (20) business days. The reasons for the Town's inability to grant the request either in whole or in part, include, but are not limited to:

1. The records sought are extensive and require careful examination/redaction so as to protect information exempted from disclosure under state or federal law;
2. The FOIL request encompasses a wide range of time which has complicated the task of locating, compiling, organizing, reviewing and redacting the requested records; and
3. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has created staffing and workload issues for the Town's personnel which limits its responsiveness to work demands at this time.

The Town therefore exercises its right under Public Officers Law § 89 (3)(a) and states that this FOIL request will be granted, either in whole or in part, no later than November 1, 2020 and subject to the application of appropriate exemptions under Public Officers Law § 87 (2).

The Town reserves its right to respond to any other issue raised in your FOIL request and this letter should not be viewed as an express or implied admission or waiver on the part of the Town.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SR", enclosed within a circular outline.

Steve Retunno
Chief of Police