



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Via E-Mail: baboyland@att.net

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Mr. Bret Boyland
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Re: FOIA Request No.: 2022-BWC-00007

Dear Mr. Boyland:

This is in response to the above referenced Body Worn Camera (BWC) request for the following:

“My name is Bret Boyland, father of Rosanne Boyland, who died on 1/6/21 at the Capital Building; OCME case # 21-00108. We have seen several videos lately showing our daughter at the top step leading into the west tunnel entrance of the Capital Building. I would like to request all video from officer’s body cameras in that location between 1620 – 1640. The following list of videos are ones we have seen showing our daughter; these can be used as examples to the area and times for other officers video; it is obvious there were many other officers in that same time/location that day.

Body cam X6039BJJV time stamp 1627 showing Rosanne lying unconscious at the tunnel entrance right outside the police line. Also seen in the video is protestor Phillip Anderson unconscious and being pulled away from the area.

Body cam X6039BF8M time stamp 1627 also showing Rosanne lying unconscious at the tunnel entrance right outside the police line.

Body cam X6039BJ8Z time stamp 1627 shows Rosanne lying unconscious at the tunnel entrance right outside the police line. At the end the protestors carry her down away from the police line to start CPR.

Body cam X6039BJ8Z time stamp 1630 shows Rosanne being carried back up to the police line by a group of protestors one is giving CPR.

Body cam X6039BL0C time stamp 1630 shows Rosanne being carried back up to the police line by a group of protestors one is giving CPR and ends with police officers grabbing her by the ankles and dragging her through the police line.

We are only aware of these two officer’s names and badge #s at that location/time and we would specifically ask for their body camera video from 1620 – 1640 along with others present.

Officer Andrew Wayte badge # 5737 & Officer Lila Morris badge # 5869

Wednesday was nine months from our daughters passing and we still have many unanswered questions to what happened to her that day. We have seen testimony by offices during the Congressional J6 hearings refer to giving a female protestor CPR in the Rotunda @ 1626; also, testimony that she was carried to the “crypt” or to the House Majority Leaders office. We are hoping these videos will help answer some of those questions. If there is different process to make this request, please direct us to that.”

It has been determined that the information you are seeking is part of an ongoing investigation and criminal proceeding. With exception of the portions of the video that has been shown publicly, MPD cannot fulfill your request. The release of this information could interfere with the enforcement proceedings by revealing the direction and pace of the investigation. It could also lead to attempts to destroy or alter evidence, reveal information about potential witnesses who could then be subjected to intimidation as part of an effort to frustrate future investigative activities, or could place witnesses in danger. For these reasons information about this incident is exempt from disclosure pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-534 (a)(2), (a)(3)(B), (a)(3)(A)(i), and (a)(3)(C).

Please know that, under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter, as well as, on the outside of the Envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, an e-mail and/or U.S. mailing address at which you can be reached.

The appeal must be mailed to: The Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to the Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the Freedom of Information Officer of the involved agency, or to the agency head of that agency, if there is no designated Freedom of Information Officer there.

Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

Regards,

S. Hughes

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