

April 29, 2021

Via Public FOIA Portal
Office of Unified Communications
2720 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20032

Re: FOIA Request – Records Related to May 9, 2018 Police Shooting of D’Quan Young on the 2300 block of 15th Street, Northeast, Washington D.C. 20002

Dear Freedom of Information Act Officer:

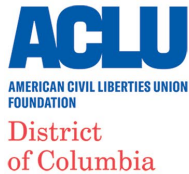
This is a request under the D.C. Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), D.C. Code § 2-531 *et seq.*, on behalf of my client Cathy Young. Ms. Young seeks records related to a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer’s fatal shooting of her son, D’Quan Young, on May 9, 2018, at approximately 7:00 pm on the 2300 block of 15th Street N.E.

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-532, Ms. Young requests:

- Any and all calls for service (such as 911 or 311 calls) received on May 9, 2018 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. that mention the 2300 block of 15th Street N.E. or an address or location on that block (such as the Brentwood Recreation Center);
- Any and all radio runs from May 9, 2018 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. that mention the 2300 block of 15th Street N.E. or an address or location on that block; and
- Any and all event chronologies from May 9, 2018 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. that mention the 2300 block of 15th Street N.E. or an address or location on that block.

Ms. Young consents to the redaction of identifying information of any individuals other than MPD officers and her son. With this caveat, we believe that the requested records should be made public. No FOIA exemption applies here, as the investigation into this incident has finished and Ms. Young seeks records related only to the killing of her son, for whom she is next of kin. If you deem some or all of the records exempt, you must document the specific reasoning in writing and cite the applicable statutory exemptions. D.C. Code § 2-533(a). If a segregable portion of any record is not exempt, you must provide it and justify the decision not to provide the remainder. D.C Code § 2-534(b).

Ms. Young requests a fee waiver. D.C. Code § 2-532(b) authorizes you to produce documents “without charge” when doing so “is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public.” Ms. Young will not gain commercially from these records. Rather, she seeks them for the solely so that her family and the community can evaluate MPD’s actions in this case. The killing of D’Quan Young garnered significant public



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interest, as documented by extensive media coverage and the inclusion of this incident in the D.C. Auditor's March 2021 report. Disclosure will allow the public to understand and assess what occurred. Thus, a fee waiver should be granted.

If you determine no waiver is appropriate, and if the proposed fee is greater than \$25.00, we ask that you notify us prior to fulfilling the above requests.

If I can provide any other information that will help you address our request, please contact me at 202-601-4278 or mperloff@acludc.org. Once the records are ready, please email them to me at the above address. For your reference, I can also be reached by mail at:

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We look forward to receiving the requested records within 15 business days as required by D.C. Code § 2-532(c). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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