

Freedom of Information Commission
of the State of Connecticut

In the Matter of a Complaint by)	
Thomas F. Sweeney, Complainant)	Report of Hearing Officer
)	
against)	Docket #FIC77-89
)	
City and Town of Stamford and)	May 13, 1977
Police Commission of the City)	
and Town of Stamford,)	
Respondents)	

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on May 13, 1977, at which time the complainant appeared and presented testimony and argument on the complaint. The respondent City of Stamford appeared by written statement of its deputy corporation counsel and stipulated to the relevant facts stated in the complaint, and presented documentary evidence and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-18a(a), General Statutes.

2. By letter dated January 25, 1977, the complainant requested of the chairman of the respondent police commission the criminal record of an individual identified in said letter.

3. By letter dated January 28, 1977, the chairman of the respondent police commission informed the complainant that his request would be discussed with the corporation counsel of the respondent city.

4. By letter dated April 20, 1977, the corporation counsel of the respondent city advised the chairman of the respondent police commission that the requested records should not be disclosed.

5. The respondent police commission voted at its April 25, 1977 meeting not to comply with the complainant's request herein.


6. By letter dated April 28, 1977, the complainant appealed to this Commission from the aforesaid denial.

7. It is found that the record requested by the complainant is a public record within the meaning of §1-18a(d), except as it contains information exempt from disclosure under §1-19(b)(2), G.S.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. The respondent police commission shall forthwith comply with the complainant's request as stated in his letter of January 25, 1977.

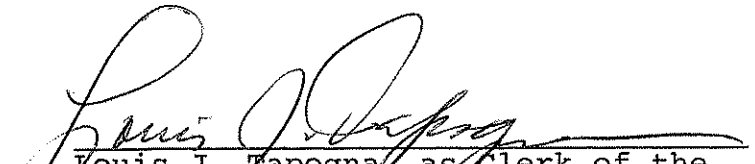
2. The respondents may delete or conceal from the complainant's view only such entries on the requested record which in the good faith opinion of the respondent police commission are specifically exempt from disclosure under §1-19(b)(2), G.S.



Commissioner Donald W. Friedman

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
May 25, 1977.



Louis J. Tapogna, as Clerk of the
Freedom of Information Commission