



City of LaSalle

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Via Email @ Kirk@illinoisleaks.com

September 30, 2016

Mr. Kirk Allen
PO Box 593
Kansas, IL 61933

RE: FOIA REQUEST

Dear Mr. Allen:

You requested the following:

1. Copy of any police report regarding a Sgt. James Strand of the LaSalle and Utica Police Departments regarding Sgt. Strand's alleged solicitation of a prostitute that was or is being handled by the Peru Police.
2. Copy of completed investigation file pertaining to any investigation performed by the LaSalle Police department regarding Sgt. James Strand's alleged solicitation of a prostitute.
3. Copy of any statement provided by a Laura Phillips regarding this investigation.
4. Copy of cell phone records for the phone used in the alleged solicitation of a prostitute. It is my understanding this phone was the property of the Utica Police Department.
5. Copy of any communications with the Illinois State Police regarding this incident to include any request for them to assist or handle the investigation.

Number 1 references the matter as being allegedly handled by the Peru Police. The LaSalle Police Department has no copy of any police report regarding a Sgt. James Strand of LaSalle and Utica Police Departments regarding Sgt. Strand's alleged solicitation of a prostitute that was or is allegedly being handled by the Peru Police.

Number 2-It is presumed the City of Peru would respond appropriately regarding Peru's investigation file. LaSalle investigated primarily whether any personnel discipline was appropriate. There was no discipline imposed by the City of LaSalle as to Sgt. Strand regarding any alleged solicitation of a prostitute which is believed totally unfounded. There was discipline imposed and thus, an adjudication regarding certain policy violations involving Sgt. Strand. A copy of determination of final outcome is enclosed. Any additional information in regard to this matter is claimed exempt pursuant to pertinent provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, including, but not necessarily limited to, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(n) regarding a public body's determination and adjudication of discipline; further would be considered, amongst other things, an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy in the circumstances and exempt pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).


Number 3-The LaSalle Police Department has no copy of any statement provided by a Laura Phillips regarding this investigation.

Number 4-This request references that the phone was the property of the Utica Police Department. The City of LaSalle Police Department has no copy of cell phone records for the phone allegedly used by Sgt. James Strand in the alleged solicitation of a prostitute.

Number 5-The City of LaSalle Police Department has no copy of any written or email communication with the Illinois State Police regarding this incident. Any communications by the LaSalle Police Department in regard to any alleged incident that could be to our knowledge allegedly construed as being related to this alleged incident was verbal to the best of my knowledge.

As you are most probably aware, you have a right to appeal the City of LaSalle's dispute as to certain matters as set forth herein within sixty days from the date hereof to the Public Access Counselor of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. As you are also aware, you have the right to seek judicial review of this decision. A copy of a FOI Notice of Appeal Form has been enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully,



Robert Uranich
Chief of Police
LaSalle Police Department

Enclosures

TO: Public Access Counselor [and] Public Access Counselor
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FOIA NOTICE OF APPEAL

[Choose one of the following]

I hereby appeal from the denial by the City of LaSalle, Illinois, of my request for the production of the following records: (specify records): _____

I believe these records should be produced for the following reason(s): _____

I hereby request a review by the Public Access Counselor of whether the City of LaSalle, Illinois properly determined [check applicable determination]:

- that my/our request was made for a commercial purpose; or
- that my/our request was a voluminous request; or
- that I am/we are a recurrent requester(s).

Present date: _____

Date of request: _____

Person responsible for denial or determination: _____

Signed: _____

Requester

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Copy: City of LaSalle Police Department
Chief of Police Robert Uranich

**LASALLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Rob Uranich
Chief of PoliceDetectives
Lt. Mike Smudzinski
Ptl. Jason Quinn
Ptl. Curt Martin

03-30-16

To: Sgt. James Strand

Badge #: 5213

Current Assignment: Midnight Shift Supervisor (6:00pm-6:00am)

Ref: Alleged on-duty misconduct in and outside the City of LaSalle on various dates and times ranging from 12-13-15 to 02-16-16.

Policy Violations (Rules and Regulations)

Unauthorized Self-Assigned Police Actions

Unauthorized Prohibited Associations

Unauthorized Persons in Police Vehicles

Unauthorized Personal Business

Conduct (inappropriate)

Unauthorized Leaving the City of LaSalle

Unauthorized Personal Use of Cell Phone

As we discussed, an internal investigation of the above complaints disclosed sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegations in the complaints. As a result, the findings of the investigation are "Sustained". As I indicated in our discussions, while I consider most of the infractions to be relatively minor in nature, their cumulative sum proved to be much more serious. As a result, based upon your actions, admissions and your position as a supervisor, I have no choice but to issue you a two day suspension. The suspension dates shall be on your scheduled works of 03-30-16 and 04-05-16.

If you would like to discuss the matter further, please contact me,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Uranich".

Robert Uranich

Chief of Police

LaSalle Police Department