

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a complaint by)
Ann Cummings)
Complainant)
against)
City and Town of Hartford and)
Police Department of the City)
and Town of Hartford)
Respondents)

Report of Hearing Officer
Docket #FIC77-31
March 28, 1977

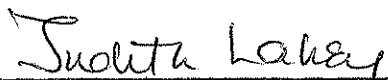
The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on March 25, 1977, at which time the complainants and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

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

1. The respondents are public agencies as defined in Conn. General Statutes §1-18a(a).
2. On February 14, 1977, complainant requested from respondent Police Department an accident report involving one Bonita L. Peruta of Wethersfield.
3. Complainant and respondents agree that complainant is an indigent.
4. Respondent refused to furnish a copy without charge to complainant because complainant refused to state personal need for the document.
5. Complainant merely intended to convey the copy of the document to Mrs. Peruta who would make use of it for tax purposes.

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

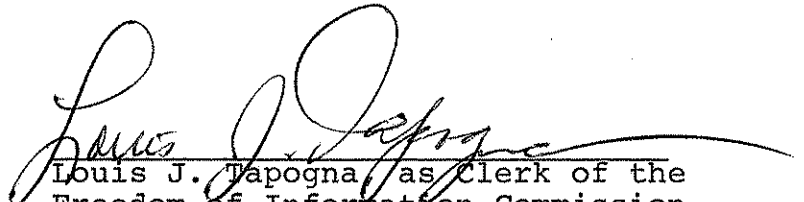
1. The complaint is dismissed.
2. It is clearly outside the purpose of Conn. General Statutes §1-15 to allow complainant in this case to obtain a copy without charge, where she is a mere conduit for a non-indigent real person in interest.



Commissioner Judith Lahey

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
April 13, 1977.



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