



OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEGRITY

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Publicly Disclosed Information:

OPI Case Number 22-011

Date: 3/9/2022.

ALLEGATIONS:

Caller stated they were wrongfully denied information on a FOIL request made regarding a parties criminal case. Caller stated Monroe County's appeal officer purposely withheld the information requested, and has not addressed caller's concerns that the specific information requested (DNA results for a pistol) had not been provided.

FINDINGS:

Unfounded. OPI contacted complainant to request original documentation they received as a result of FOIL request. OPI noted that the county response indicated some information may have been redacted, and mentioned caller had already received some information in a prior FOIL request. Caller provided some, but not the bulk, of the response from the county, including a letter from the appeals officer indicating caller could apply for an article 78 hearing if they did not agree with the FOIL response. In an e-mail to the complainant Responding Investigator requested county's original response to any FOIL requests made, and in particular whatever exhibit complainant referred to in their request. R/I contacted the Communications Department, who verified that there were multiple FOIL requests regarding this case, and that the county had already provided the requested information to the requestor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

