

We are satisfied with MPD's Response based on our review of the descriptions of the redacted material. The undisclosed material may have included identities of family members of the victim, friends, witnesses or other uninvolved persons. Disclosure of such information would not provide any insight to how the government operates, which typically is the purpose behind a FOIA request. Here, only private, non-governmental information is being sought. Clearly, the individuals have an interest in keeping their identities confidential, especially with respect to their involvement in a criminal case. The record does not contain any evidence of a public interest that would override the privacy interests of these individuals in disclosure of this information. Therefore, the Appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

You are free under the FOIA to commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government at any time in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

Regards,



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Enclosure

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