

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2015-77**

June 9, 2015

Ms. Joce Sterman

RE: FOIA Appeal 2015-77

Dear Ms. Sterman:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you filed with the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 ("DC FOIA"). In your appeal you assert that the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") improperly withheld records you requested under the DC FOIA.

On November 17, 2014, you submitted a request under the DC FOIA related to overtime payments for certain MPD officers. In March 2015, you filed an appeal with the Mayor through the FOIAexpress system, asserting that you had not yet received a response from MPD. Unfortunately when you filed your appeal in FOIAexpress, you selected MPD as the "Action Office," whereas appeals must be filed with the Mayor's General Counsel. As a result, this office, which responds to FOIA appeals, did not receive your appeal until June 2, 2015.

According to FOIAexpress, MPD granted your request and provided you with responsive documents on March 25, 2015. Based on the foregoing, we consider your appeal to be moot. This constitutes the final decision of this office.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with the DC FOIA.

Sincerely,

/s Melissa C. Tucker

Melissa C. Tucker
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Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Ronald B. Harris, Deputy General Counsel, MPD (via email)