

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

September 5, 2007

[REDACTED]  
Inez, KY 41

Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter responds to your administrative appeal to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), D.C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.* (2001 & 2006 Supp.), dated August 6, 2007, and received in this office on August 15, 2007 (the "Appeal").

In an initial request to the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner ("OCME"), dated April 27, 2007, you sought:

" . . . all records, files, reports, memoranda, notes, and other forms of information—in whatever format—possessed by your agency that makes reference to me or relates to me. More specifically, I am seeking information generated and/or retained by your agency as a result of the homicide of LAMONT G. "TEEFUS" CORBIN that occurred on or about August 12, 1993, in the District of Columbia."

In the Appeal, you advised that OCME has not responded to your FOIA request.

We forwarded the Appeal to OCME with a request for a response. OCME responded by email dated August 15, 2007 (the "OCME Response"). OCME included a copy of an unsigned letter to you dated August 15, 2007, and referencing another letter to you dated November 17, 2004. A copy of the OCME Response is enclosed. It is OCME's position that they do not have any records responsive to your request because they do not maintain records for living persons. Your FOIA Request sought records referencing you or relating to you.

We are satisfied with OCME's Response given that by virtue of their existence, the records they maintain will necessarily relate to dead persons. Therefore, the Appeal is hereby DISMISSED.



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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. Richardson, III". The signature is stylized with a large initial "A" and "R".

Andrew T. Richardson, III  
Deputy General Counsel to the Mayor

Enclosure

cc (by email): Sharlene E. Williams