FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by)	
Andrew Kreig Complainant		Report of Hearing Officer
)	
against		Docket #FIC77-123
)	
City and Town of Hartford and		July 27 , 1977
the Police Department of the)	<u>-</u>
City and Town of Hartford,		
Respondents)	

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on July 12, 1977, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

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

- 1. The respondents are public agencies as defined by §1-18a(a), G.S.
- 2. On June 10, 1977, the complainant asked the respondent department to see and inspect a certain application for a gun permit.
- 3. Also on June 10, 1977, the complainant further requested to see the character references of the applicant therein submitted by third persons.
- 4. On June 10, 1977, the respondent department denied the complainant the right to inspect the aforesaid records.
- 5. By letters filed with the Commission on June 16, 1977 and June 23, 1977, respectively, the complainant alleged that such records have been withheld by the respondents in violation of the Freedom of Information Act.
- 6. The respondent department contends that the documents in questions are exempt from disclosure under \$1-19(b)(1), G.S. as a personnel or medical file and similar file the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.
- 7. It is found that such records do not constitute a personnel or medical file and similar file within the meaning of §1-19(b)(1), G.S.
- 8. The respondent department next contends that the documents in question contain statements of personal worth within the meaning of the exemption provided under §1-19(b)(7), G.S.
 - 9. None of the requested documents contain personal financial data.

- 10. It is found that the documents here in issue do not contain statements of personal worth within the meaning of §1-19(b)(7), G.S.
- 11. It is therefore concluded that the respondent department has denied the complainant the right to inspect or copy records defined under §1-19(a), G.S.

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

1. The respondent department shall forthwith provide the complainant with access to the aforesaid requested records, as required by $\S1-19(a)$, G.S.

Commissioner Donald W. Friedman

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on August 10, 1977.

Charlene G. Arnold, Clerk

Freedom of Information Commission

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In the Matter of a Complaint Andrew Kreig, Complainant) Correction to Final Decision
)
against	Docket #FIC77-123
City and Town of Hartford and the Police Department of the City and Town of Hartford,	August 24, 1977
Respondents)

- 1. At a meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, August 24, 1977, the Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Final Decision in the above mentioned matter to reflect the correct statutory citations as amended by the 1977 General Assembly.
- 2. Accordingly, paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the Findings herein are hereby corrected to read as follows:
 - 6. The respondent department contends that the documents in question are exempt from disclosure under \$1-19(b)(2), G.S. as a personnel or medical file and similar file the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.
 - 7. It is found that such records do not constitue a personnel or medical file and similar file within the meaning of §1-19(b)(2), G.S.
 - 8. The respondent department next contends that the documents in question contain statements of personal worth within the meaning of the exemption provided under §1-19(b)(8), G.S.
 - 10. It is found that the documents here in issue do not contain statements of personal worth within the meaning of §1-19(b)(8), G.S.

Helen M. Loy, Chairman

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on

August 24, 1977.

Charlene G. Arnold, Clerk

of the Commission