FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Victor Velasco,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2018-0487

Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction,

Respondents

May 22, 2019

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on November 13, 2018, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony and argument on the complaint. The complainant, who is incarcerated, appeared via teleconference, pursuant to the January 2004 memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Department of Correction. See Docket No. CV 03-0826293, Anthony Sinchak v. FOIC et al., Superior Court, J.D. of Hartford at Hartford, Corrected Order dated January 27, 2004 (Sheldon, J.).

On Friday, November 9, 2018, the respondents filed a motion to dismiss the complaint without a hearing pursuant to §1-206, G.S. Given that the complainant would have had virtually no time to respond to the motion before the scheduled Tuesday morning hearing the following week, no action was taken on that motion.

During the course of the hearing, however, the complainant, although not formally withdrawing his complaint, agreed that he had not alleged a violation of the FOI Act by seeking preservation of a certain video recording, and that his complaint should be dismissed.

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

1. The complaint is dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting

of May 22, 2019.

Cynthia A. Cannata

Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

VICTOR VELASCO, #213065, Northern Correctional Institution, 287 Bilton Road, Somers, CT 06071

COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, c/o Attorney Tracie C. Brown, Department of Correction, 24 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Cynthia A. Cannata

Acting Clerk of the Commission

FIC 2018-0487/FD/CAC/5/22/2019