

TO: Vincent DeLeonardis, Saratoga Springs City Attorney
FROM: Barbara Lombardo
DATE: Aug. 26, 2020
RE: Request for public records

This is a request for public records in accordance with the state Freedom of Information law. Digital files would be preferred but I am willing to review hard copies if that is more readily available. I will gladly discuss with you the most mutually convenient way to review these records.

In a written statement dated May 14, 2019 (a PDF of which I will attach to this email), then-Chief Gregory Veitch provided numbers relating to complaints against member of the Saratoga Springs Police Department and the outcomes of investigations during the years 2014 through 2018. Now, with the recent repeal of 50-a of the New York State Civil Rights Law, I am requesting more specific data.

1. Veitch wrote in this statement that 10 of the complaints between 2014 and 2018 were of excessive force. I am requesting records to obtain the following for each of those 10 complaints:
 - Copies of the complaints.
 - Records reflecting the disposition of the complaint, including any disciplinary action taken.
2. This letter also makes the same request as listed above for any complaints of excessive force in 2013, as well as 2019 through the present, to the most recent records available at this point in time.
3. Copies of any allegations or complaints about conduct, the action taken and findings related to those complaints, and the disposition of the investigation into the complaints, including any disciplinary action and whether the officer resigned prior to disciplinary action being commenced for the following current or former officers of the Saratoga Springs Police Department, from the beginning of their employment with the department: Aaron P. Benware, John Bateholts, James Bell, Adam French, Tyler McIntosh, and Frederick J. Warfield.

I acknowledge that portions of records, such as the identity of complainants, may have to be redacted to protect their privacy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Lombardo