

I'm addressing this AdHoc Commission tonight because of my own negative experience with the Fairfax Police Department. On August 1, 2011 my former husband physically assaulted me in my home on Claychin Court in Burke. My 21 year old son witnessed the assault and called 911 to report his father's abuse. Three officers from the West Springfield District station arrived at my home almost 30 minutes after the 911 call was initiated. During this delayed response time my Ex-husband retreated to our garage alone where he self-inflicted a small cut to his arm and fabricated a story to avoid arrest. Upon arrival at our home, two of the police officers found my husband in the garage and briefly interviewed him. No interview or further investigation took place despite having two adult witnesses present in my home that evening. I was falsely arrested within a few minutes of police arrival, placed in handcuffs and taken to the vehicle of PFC Kenneth Bridgeman. On a 95 degree August evening I was locked in the backseat of Officer Bridgeman's vehicle which was parked in front of my neighbor Dave Astle's home whom, along with three other individuals in his home, witnessed the events unfold that day. After locking me in his police vehicle, Bridgeman left me alone and unattended and re-entered my home without warrant or permission. He and a second officer, PFC Andrew Pytko, were witnessed searching the entirety of my home looking for my identification while I remained locked in his car for close to 20 of the 30 minutes the officers were on scene.

I was transported to the Adult Detention Center and charged with Domestic Assault and Battery, the crime I was the victim of in my own home. A complaint against the three officers involved was filed with Internal Affairs the following day, August 2, 2011. I've provided you with the undated letter I received from former Chief David Rohrer 13 months later stating the officer violated no regulations, after the police department interviewed not one single witness. The closed Internal Affairs was re-opened when multiple witnesses filed written complaints with the police and county officials. That second investigation lasted another 12 months and you have a copy of that second embarrassing letter written by Chief Roessler.

In short, the Fairfax County Police Department continues to re-victimize me in order to protect an officer that made a litany of mistakes then perjured himself in a Court of law to conceal his misconduct. The FCPD withheld exculpatory evidence subpoenaed by my attorney for my defense and the appeal prosecutor entered false statements to the court in order to prohibit testimony about the complaint against

the officers. Police vehicle data recorded the arresting officer at my home for approximately 30 minutes total.

This officer came to court and testified that he was in my living room for over an hour conducting a thorough investigation, which never took place, before deciding to arrest me.

As recently as last week, I received a letter from Second Lt. David White denying my FOIA request for the AVL data for the officer's vehicles that responded to my home on August 1, 2011. Officer White invoked a FOIA exclusion claiming that AVL information related to criminal investigations is exempted from FOIA's mandatory disclosure requirements. This false arrest and unfounded charge against me was dismissed in March 2014 and the Fairfax County Police department Internal Affairs declared in a March 2015 statement that the Internal affairs investigation was closed in October 2013 and I was informed of the outcome.

Withholding the AVL data and dash board cam information at this juncture is unfounded, as there is no criminal investigation taking place at this time.

Civilian oversight of the Fairfax police department, drastic changes to Virginia's FOIA exclusions that allow Police departments to conceal and withhold information from citizens and changes to Fairfax Police leadership are desperately needed



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Colonel
David M. Rohrer
Chief of Police

Ms. Michelle E. Holden
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Lt. Colonel
James A. Morris
Deputy Chief of Police
for Investigations/
Operations Support

Dear Ms. Holden:

An investigation of the allegation concerning Police Officer First Class Kenneth M. Bridgeman has been completed. The investigation, conducted by Second Lieutenant Robin J. Davis, included a comprehensive examination of the facts and circumstances surrounding PFC Bridgeman's conduct.

Lt. Colonel
Edwin C. Roessler Jr.
Deputy Chief of Police
for Patrol

Based on my review of the investigation and a recommendation from Major Michael A. Kline, Commander of the Patrol Bureau – Division III, I have concluded that there is insufficient evidence to clearly establish violations of departmental rules, regulations, or procedures.

Lt. Colonel
Thomas Ryan
Deputy Chief of Police
for Administration

Should you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Major Roger E. Arnn, Commander of the Internal Affairs Bureau, at 703-246-2793.

Sincerely,

David M. Rohrer, Colonel
Chief of Police

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Colonel
Edwin C. Roesster Jr.
Chief of Police

October 16, 2013

Ms. Michelle W. Evans
203 Woodmere Avenue
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina 27948

Dear Ms. Evans:

Lt. Colonel
Thomas Ryan
*Deputy Chief of Police
for Investigations/
Operations Support*

The investigation into allegations concerning Police Officer First Class Kenneth M. Bridgeman as a result of your arrest on August 1, 2011, was completed and closed. In an undated letter, then Chief of Police, Colonel David M. Rohrer, stated that there was "insufficient evidence to clearly establish violations of departmental rules, regulations, or procedures." Due to a clerical error, the letter was undated and should have stated that the investigation concluded that PFC Bridgeman's actions were lawful and in compliance with Department Regulations.

Colonel
Edwin C. Roesster Jr.
*Deputy Chief of Police
for Patrol*

On November 1, 2012, additional witnesses to your case made themselves known to the Internal Affairs Bureau. An addendum investigation was assigned and conducted by Second Lieutenant Moufid M. Khoury. Additional information was obtained from several witnesses and was included in a comprehensive report examining the facts and circumstances surrounding your original and subsequent allegations.

Lt. Colonel
Thomas Ryan
*Deputy Chief of Police
for Administration*

Based upon my review of the investigation and a recommendation from Major Michael A. Kline, Commander of the Patrol Bureau – Division III, I have concluded that PFC Bridgeman's actions were lawful and in compliance with Department Regulations.

As you have indicated that you are represented by counsel, any further contact with the County of Fairfax, its Board members, or employees on this matter must be from your counsel to Senior Assistant County Attorney Karen Gibbons at 703-324-2421. Because you have repeatedly raised the potential for litigation in this matter, no one from Fairfax County Government will respond to you or any contact from you except through counsel through Ms. Gibbons.

Sincerely,

Edwin C. Roesster Jr., Colonel
Chief of Police

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Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 2:03 PM

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Mrs. Evans,

I understand you had a lengthy conversation with Second Lieutenant Robinson last week and left a follow-up voice mail. As a result of the conversation and review of the phone message, the original investigative file was pulled, examined in detail, and compared to your recent allegations of misconduct. I also reviewed your recent email correspondence in comparison to the original complaint

I found that the investigation was, in fact, conducted in a fair, impartial manner with the appropriate conclusion. Your recent correspondence did not reveal any new information warranting further investigation. The only possible lingering issue was the erroneous record indicating a felony conviction. However, the original investigation already revealed that this was an error made by the Virginia Department of Corrections, not any wrong doing on the part of our officers. Internal Affairs was able to facilitate having the conviction modified several years ago, in order to reflect the appropriate misdemeanor conviction which is still what the record states today.

Please consider this correspondence formal notice that there will be no further inquiry conducted, nor will there be any future response from this office regarding the matter unless new, relevant information is provided warranting further investigation.

Regards,

Captain Andrew P. Hill

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Internal Affairs Bureau

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Chief of Police

May 6, 2015

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**Lt. Colonel
Thomas Ryan**
*Deputy Chief of Police
for Administration*

Re: AVL Data Request

Our Re: 15-FOIA-194

**Lt. Colonel
Ted Arnn**
*Deputy Chief of Police
for Investigations/
Operations Support*

Dear Ms. Evans:

This correspondence is in response to your email to Tony Castrilli sent on April 29, 2015, at 11:19 a.m. requesting "the AVL data for the police vehicles that responded to [your] home on August 1, 2011 at 1900. The responding officers were Kenneth Bridgeman, Andrew Pytko and Christopher Musser."

**Lt. Colonel
Erin F. Schaible**
*Deputy Chief of Police
for Patrol*

By letter dated October 11, 2012 (copy enclosed), you were advised you're your prior request for these records was denied. Similarly, your April 29, 2015, request is denied pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3706(A)(2)(a).

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 246-2980 or FCPDFOIA@fairfaxcounty.gov.

**Major
Michael A. Kline**
*Commander,
Internal Affairs Bureau*

Sincerely,

David J. White, Second Lieutenant
Internal Affairs Bureau

**Captain
Andrew P. Hill**
*Commander,
Internal Affairs Bureau
Investigations Division*

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**Lieutenant
Justin P. Palenscar**
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