

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Matthew Kauffman, Don Stacom, and  
The Hartford Courant,

Complainants

against

Docket #FIC 2018-0001

Chief, Police Department, City of  
New Britain; Police Department,  
City of New Britain, and City of  
New Britain,

Respondents

November 14, 2018

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on March 9, 2018, at which time the complainants and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

A report of Hearing Officer dated October 25, 2018 addressing the merits of the case, was issued to the parties. By letter dated November 6, 2018, the complainants withdrew the complaint in this matter. The Commission takes administrative notice of such letter.

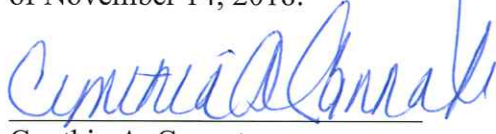
By email dated November 7, 2018, the respondents objected to the withdrawal and requested that the Commission proceed to consider the merits of the case. The Commission takes administrative notice of such email.

The Commission may not render a final decision on the merits in the absence of a contested case. Department of Public Safety v. Freedom of Information Commission, 103 Conn. App. 571, 581 (2007.).

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

1. Based on the withdrawal of the complaint, the complaint is dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of November 14, 2018.



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:

**MATTHEW KAUFFMAN, DON STACOM AND THE HARTFORD  
COURANT**, 285 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06115

**CHIEF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW BRITAIN; POLICE  
DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW BRITAIN; AND CITY OF NEW BRITAIN**,  
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