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RE: Right to Know Appeal

OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

Dear Ms. Osborne,

Thank you for filing an appeal pursuant to the Right to Know Law ("RTKL"). I have reviewed your original RTK request documents, the denial response by Hatfield Township Police Department, the final determination of the PA Office of Open Records, and the letter to this Office.

Based on my review of those materials, and the relevant provisions of the RTKL, I am respectfully denying your appeal. Your request is for the production of police reports in connection with the death of your son on 7/17/17. The RTKL exempts from release, however, "[a] record of an agency relating to or resulting in a criminal investigation." 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(16). As such, the records you seek are indeed exempt from disclosure.

Please be advised that this is a final determination as permitted by law. You have thirty days to appeal. 65 P.S. §67.1302(a).

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Falin

Deputy District Attorney Open Records Appeals Officer

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William Tierney, Chief of Police, Hatfield Township Police Department cc: Benjamin A. Lorah, Esquire, Appeals Officer, PA Office of Open Records