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Department of Open-Records
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414 Grant Street
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In re: Open-Records Appeal; Anthony J. Cipolla

Dear Mr. Hamill and Open-Records Officer Liss:

I have received the response of the City's Open Records Officer and reject her argument that I lack jurisdiction to decide this appeal.

Crucial to my decision is the affidavit of Deputy Police Chief Thomas A. Stangrecki in which he details extensive, yet unsuccessful efforts to locate any documents requested by Mr. Hamill. Given the fact that the City does not possess any of the requested documents, the appeal must be denied.

As a result, I must decline your request. Please be advised that pursuant to Section 1302 you have 30 days to appeal my decision to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

Very truly yours,

Michael W. Streily
Deputy District Attorney
Open-Records Appeals Officer