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FOI request - Pistol permits in process

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Sun, Feb 5, 2012 at 1:07 PM

To: Robert Nivakoff <rnivakoff@ci.stamford.ct.us>, Terry Vitti <tvitti@ci.stamford.ct.us>

A copy is also attached in .pdf format.

Freedom of Information Request

For prompt access to public records

Please provide prompt access during normal business hours a list of all pistol permit applications currently in possession of the Stamford Police Department that are both complete applications and have not yet been returned as either approved or denied to the applicants (no temporary permit issued). This list should include at a **minimum** the name of the applicant, the date when the complete application was submitted to the Stamford Police Department, (where applicable) the date the application's fingerprints were sent to the SPBI, and (where applicable) the date the applicant's FBI report was received back from the SPBI.

This request is made in accordance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Statutes and all other relevant Connecticut General Statutes.

Respectfully,

Rich Burgess

President

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Freedom of Information Request for permit records.pdf

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Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 8, 2012 at 4:29 PM

To: Robert Nivakoff <rnivakoff@ci.stamford.ct.us>, Terry Vitti <tvitti@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Dear sirs,

Please reply that you have received my request and please update me to the availability and status of the documents I have requested.

Thank you,
Rich Burgess
President

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Nivakoff, Robert <RNivakoff@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Wed, Feb 8, 2012 at 4:56 PM

To: "connecticutcarry@gmail.com" <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Received and sent to the Corporation Counsel. Respectfully. R Nivakoff

Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 8, 2012 at 5:01 PM

To: "Nivakoff, Robert" <RNivakoff@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Dear Sir,

Please remember CGS 1-206 specifies:

Sec. 1-206. (Formerly Sec. 1-21i). Denial of access to public records or meetings. Appeals. Notice. Orders. Civil penalty. Service of process upon commission. Frivolous appeals. (a) **Any denial of the right to inspect or copy records provided for under section 1-210 shall be made to the person requesting such right by the public agency official who has custody or control of the public record, in writing, within four business days of such request**, except when the request is determined to be subject to subsections (b) and (c) of section 1-214, in which case such denial shall be made, in writing, within ten business days of such request. **Failure to comply with a request to so inspect or copy such public record within the applicable number of business days shall be deemed to be a denial.**

Thank you,
Rich Burgess
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Vitti, Theresa <TVitti@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Thu, Feb 9, 2012 at 8:43 AM

To: Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Cc: "Nivakoff, Robert" <RNivakoff@ci.stamford.ct.us>, "Conklin, Richard" <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Mr. Burgess,

Please accept this email acknowledging we have received your FOI request with respect to the pistol permits in process. To clarify, you are looking for the applications that are pending from Stamford residents and have been submitted to the SPBI? The pistol permit application process is managed by our Identification Bureau which is under the supervision of Capt. Richard Conklin. Therefore, I will ask that you direct your future inquiries to Capt. Conklin.

Respectfully,

Sgt. T. Vitti

Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 9, 2012 at 10:20 AM

To: "Vitti, Theresa" <TVitti@ci.stamford.ct.us>, "Conklin, Richard" <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Cc: Robert Nivakoff <rnivakoff@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Sgt. Vitti,

I am looking for a listing of all current pending pistol permit applications in possession of the Stamford Police Department regardless of SPBI status. This excludes any permit that was issued or denied.

To be clear:

There are three states a permit can be in that I am interested in:

- Submitted complete to local issuing authority.
- Sent to SPBI.
- FBI and state report received back.

All of these states are what I expect to see in the listing.

I will make sure to direct further requests/questions to Captain Conklin per your request. Thank you for directing this to the proper personnel.

Captain Conklin,

Please inform me when this information will be available for my inspection or if it will be easier for you to email me this listing.

Thank you,

Rich Burgess

President

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Conklin, Richard <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Thu, Feb 9, 2012 at 10:57 AM

To: Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Rich Burgess,

Please call [203-977-4404](tel:203-977-4404) Capt. Rich Conklin

Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 9, 2012 at 5:06 PM

To: "Conklin, Richard" <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Bcc: Anna Filipkowska <anna.m.filipkowska@gmail.com>

Captain Conklin,

I attempted to call you at 14:12 and 14:34 and left you a voicemail when I could not reach you.

I will attempt to get in touch with you again tomorrow.

If this is a matter that can be easily resolved via email, that would be preferred to avoid spending either of our time playing phone tag.

Thank you,

Rich Burgess

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Fri, Feb 10, 2012 at 3:13 PM

To: "Conklin, Richard" <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Cc: Robert Nivakoff <rnivakoff@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Bcc: Anna Filipkowska <anna.m.filipkowska@gmail.com>, Edward Peruta <edperuta@amcable.tv>

Captain Conklin,

I just wanted to recap our phone conversation today. I am glad we got to talk and straighten out the questions you had about my request. I appreciate your stated commitment to the rights of Connecticut residents to bear arms and I look forward to a good working relationship with you in this regard.

What was discussed:

- You asked for clarification on my request.
 - I indicated (as I did in my reply to Sgt. Vitti below) that I would like a simple list of the name, and the 3 dates (as available per permit) of submissions.
 - Quoted from my original FOI request:
 - This list should include at a **minimum** the name of the applicant, the date when the complete application was submitted to the Stamford

Police Department, (where applicable) the date the application's fingerprints were sent to the SPBI, and (where applicable) the date the applicant's FBI report was received back from the SPBI.

- You asked if my request has gone out to just your department or to all departments in the state.
 - I replied that this is limited to your department but that I have (and likely will have to in the future) made similar requests to other departments.
- You indicated that there were at least 30 permit applications in front of you that would qualify.
- You asked why I made this request.
 - I replied that I had received a complaint from at least one member of the public has reported to me that the Stamford PD has a 'severe' backlog with pistol permits.
 - You indicated you believed the issue was not severe.
 - I indicated this FOI request would let me know if this claim was true or not.
- I mentioned that my main priority was to examine if the Stamford PD was following CGS 29-28 and CGS 29-29 and meeting the deadlines of '5 days', '1 week', '8 weeks'.
 - You indicated that you believed this was not likely to be the case because you were short-staffed.
 - I reminded you that the Connecticut General Statutes do not offer exceptions for manpower.
- You indicated that your short staffing would not allow you to personally compile the information I am requesting and that you would discuss with your Chief getting someone to do it for you.
 - I asked when I could expect to receive this compilation.
 - You replied that you did not know. **I would like an answer to this if it is going to be more than an additional week (2/17/2012).**
- I asked for confirmation that the compilation would be from data dated from the date of my request (Sun, Feb 5, 2012)
 - You indicated that the compilation would be from the date the compilation takes place.
 - I informed you that my FOI request was dated for a reason and I expect the compilation to be gathered from the date of my request.

By the close of business today, five business days will have elapsed since my request for prompt access was made in writing. On this, the fifth day, you indicated you will look into finding someone to compile the data. I appreciate that this data takes time to compile, but I hope that I will see 'prompt access' as 1-206 prescribes:

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I do plan to work with Stamford PD to give you the time you need to comply with my request. I would appreciate it if Stamford PD would please expedite my request and make sure that the date of my request is honored in the compilation of said data.

Thank you for your time today,

Rich Burgess
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To: "Conklin, Richard" <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 9:29 AM

Captain Conklin,
Has this data been compiled? Is it ready to pickup?

Thank you,

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Conklin, Richard <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>
To: Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 9:52 AM

Send a mailing address and we will send it out. Rich Conklin-SPD

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Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 10:02 AM

Bcc: Anna Filipkowska <anna.m.filipkowska@gmail.com>, Edward Peruta <edperuta@amcable.tv>

Captain Conklin,
No thanks, I will come and pick it up in person.
Please leave it with dispatch or whoever mans your lobby and I will swing by and pick it up.

Thanks,
Rich Burgess
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Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 10:33 AM

When ready I will let you know. Capt. Conklin- SPD

Rich Burgess <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 10:35 AM

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Bcc: Anna Filipkowska <anna.m.filipkowska@gmail.com>, Edward Peruta <edperuta@amcable.tv>

Captain Conklin,
Does that mean the documents are not ready? What kind of time period do you expect to make them available in?

Thanks,

Rich Burgess
President

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Caserta, Cory <CCaserta@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Wed, Feb 22, 2012 at 3:16 PM

To: "connecticutcarry@gmail.com" <connecticutcarry@gmail.com>

Cc: "Conklin, Richard" <RConklin@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Mr. Burgess, by request of Capt. Conklin, I have completed a list of our current pistol permit applicants. I have placed it out at our front desk at police HQ at 805 Bedford Street. It's in a large manila envelope with your name on it, and please show a photo I.D. when you pick it up.

Det. C. Caserta

Identification Bureau

Stamford Police Dept.

805 Bedford Street

Stamford, CT. 06901

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Wed, Feb 22, 2012 at 3:18 PM

Detective Caserta,
I will do that.

Thank you,

Rich Burgess
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To: "Caserta, Cory" <CCaserta@ci.stamford.ct.us>

Wed, Feb 22, 2012 at 8:24 PM

Detective Caserta,
Could you please confirm or deny that this data is a snapshot of the applications in possession of the Stamford Police Department as of 2/5/2012?

Thanks,
Rich Burgess
President

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Caserta, Cory <CCaserta@ci.stamford.ct.us>
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Thu, Feb 23, 2012 at 7:50 PM

I provided you the most current list. The list does change constantly with new applicant submissions and permits being mailed out. Since Feb. 5th, the list has changed, but I do not keep old lists. We just update the list we have. I'm actually off duty until Monday night, my kids are on vacation for the rest of the week so I took some time off. If you need anything else, I'll be back next week. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Det. C. Caserta

Stamford I.D. Bureau