

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Shawn Dowdell,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2018-0136

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

Respondents

February 27, 2019

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on October 3, 2018, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint. This matter was consolidated with Sherene Fagon v. Chief, Police Department, City of New Britain, et al., Docket #FIC 2018-0168. The Commission takes administrative notice of the testimony and evidence in Shawn Dowdell v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, et al., Docket #FIC 2018-0134.

On May 10, 2018, the Division of Criminal Justice moved to intervene in this matter. Absent objection from any party, such motion was granted.

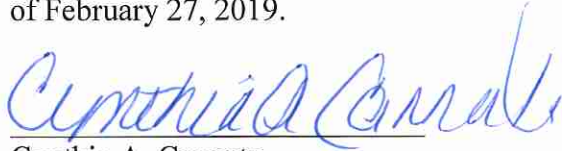
A Report of Hearing Officer, dated November 28, 2018, was mailed to the parties on November 29, 2018, and was considered by the Commission at its special meeting of December 19, 2018. At such meeting, the Commission voted to remand the matter to the hearing officer for reconsideration.

By email, dated January 23, 2019, the complainant informed the Commission that he wished to withdraw his complaint in this matter. The Commission takes administrative notice of such withdrawal.

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

1. The complaint is dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of February 27, 2019.



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:

**SHAWN DOWDELL**, c/o Attorney Dan Barrett, 765 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

**CHIEF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW BRITAIN; POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW BRITAIN; AND CITY OF NEW BRITAIN**, c/o Attorney Joseph E. Skelly, Jr., City of New Britain, Office of Corporation Counsel, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051

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