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Fred Anderson,

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Complainant(s)

against

Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles; and State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles. Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2013-074

November 13, 2013

Respondent(s)

## Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its **special meeting** which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Ist floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission *on or before November 29, 2013.* Such request MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an <u>original and fourteen (14) copies</u> must be filed on or before November 29, 2013. PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that <u>fourteen (14)</u> <u>copies</u> be filed *on or before November 29, 2013,* and that <u>notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.</u>

By Order of the Freedom of Information Commission

W. Paradis

Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Fred Anderson, Sharon Geanuracos, Esq.

cc: Kristine Barone

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Fred Anderson,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2013-074

Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles; and State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles,

Respondents

November 7, 2013

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on November 1, 2013, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint. The complainant, who is incarcerated, appeared via teleconference, pursuant to the January 2004 memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Department of Correction. See Docket No. CV 03-0826293, Anthony Sinchak v. FOIC et al, Superior Court, J.D. of Hartford at Hartford, Corrected Order dated January 27, 2004 (Sheldon, J.).

The respondent's counsel represented that the respondents did not receive the complainant's request for records until they received the docketing letters from the Commission. Moreover, the complainant's records request contained arguable ambiguity as a result of the complainant's non-technical understanding of the operations of the National Drivers Registry. Only after some testimony did it become clear that there had been a simple misunderstanding and the complainant was seeking a copy of the respondents' record pertaining to him called "Driving History". This record is an exhibit in this case. The complainant agreed to telephone his ombudsman and ask the ombudsman to send a copy of the relevant exhibit to him. He also stated that he wished to withdraw his complaint against the respondents.

The Commission recommends the following order on the basis of the record:

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

Clifton A. Leonhardt as Hearing Officer

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