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Michael Gaetano,

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Complainant(s)

against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2013-516

Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police,

Respondent(s)

July 31, 2014

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 meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. 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 August 8, 2014.* 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 August 8, 2014*. 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) copies</u> be filed *ON OR BEFORE August 8, 2014*, and that 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.

By Order of the Freedom of Information Commission

Wendy Paradis

Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Michael Gaetano

Robert S. Dearington, Esq.; Terrence M. O'Neill, Esq.

cc: Kristine Barone

2014-07-31/FIC# 2013-516/Trans/wrbp/TCB//VDH

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In The Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Michael Gaetano,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2013-516

Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police,

Respondents

July 30, 2014

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on June 10, 2014 at which time the respondents appeared. However, due to some complications at the prison facility at which the complainant was incarcerated, the hearing was continued to July 28, 2014, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared stipulated to certain facts 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.).

After some testimony was offered by the respondents, the complainant indicated that he wished to withdraw his complaint.

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.
- 2. The parties are commended on their resolution of this matter.

Attorney Tracie C. Brown as Hearing Officer

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