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October 9, 2019

[sent via email]

Keona Saunders

keona1stborn@aol.com

Dear Ms. Saunders:

Please consider this our response to your attached Freedom of Information Act request, received via postal mail on October 2, 2019 and summarized below:

Case# 2018TR1891 WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ALL VIDEO, AUDIO, BODY CAM, OF THE OFFICERS AND POLICE REPORTS FOR THIS CASE, OF THE ARRESTING OFFICER. FOR 8/21/2018 Officer Cody Gwaltney is the arresting officer on this report.

Please find enclosed records responsive to your request with the following information redacted:

- Home addresses, personal telephone numbers, license plate numbers and driver's license numbers are defined as private information in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/2(c-5)) and per Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b)) are therefore exempted.
- Dates of birth are exempt under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)) as approved by the Office of the Attorney General in pre-authorization letter 2011 PAC 13577.

We consider your request completed. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rollie Hawk
Public Information Officer
Union County State's Attorney
rhawk@unioncountyil.gov

Enclosure

Cc: Daniel Klingemann, State's Attorney
Scott Harvel, Sheriff

Rec'd 10/02/2019



County of Union, Illinois
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Date Requested: 09/24/2019

Request Submitted By: KEONA SAUNDERS

Street Address: 4003 MEMORIAL DR

City/State/ZIP: BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS 62226

Telephone (optional): _____ E-mail (optional): KEONA1STBORN@AOL.COM

Fax (optional): _____

Records Requested (please be as specific as possible; attach additional pages if needed):

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Is this request for a Commercial Purpose? YES NO
(It is a violation of the Freedom of Information Act for a person to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose, if requested to do so by the public body under 5 ILCS 140.3.1(c))

Are you requesting a fee waiver? YES NO
(If you are requesting that the public body waive any fees for copying the documents, you must attach a statement of the purpose of the request, and whether the principal purpose of the request is to access or disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or legal rights of the general public under 5 ILCS 140/6(c)).

Please retain a copy of this form for your records.

Submit the original to one of our FOIA officers:

Rollie Hawk Union County Chief Information Officer 309 West Market Room 115 Jonesboro, IL 62952 cio@unioncountyl.gov (618) 833-8248	Tyler Edmonds Union County State's Attorney 309 West Market Room 239 Jonesboro, IL 62952 ucsainfo@unioncountyl.gov (618) 833-7216
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Incident Report

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 833-3900

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Incident 2018-002979 Auto Accident
Reported Friday, August 17, 2018 @ 21:08:14 by a 911 Cell call
At [REDACTED] - N W, Cobden, IL

Entered By UC23 Turner,Michael #5986
UC # 18-0826-055

Officer/Unit Assigned UC11 Gwaltney,Cody

<u>Unit</u>	UC11	Gwaltney,Cody		
	Enroute	8/17/2018	21:11:35	[REDACTED] - N W, Cobden
	Arrived	8/17/2018	21:27:44	
	Status Check	8/17/2018	21:27:52	Watchman Status Canceled
	Cad Notes	8/17/2018	21:31:58	need ambulance unknown aged male head pain
	Cad Notes	8/17/2018	21:33:36	body camera died
	In Service	8/17/2018	23:22:15	
<u>Unit</u>	5U13	Ambulance 5u13		
	Enroute	8/17/2018	21:34:08	[REDACTED] - N W, Cobden
	In Service	8/17/2018	21:40:36	
<u>Unit</u>	5U14	Ambulnce 5u14		
	Enroute	8/17/2018	21:44:34	[REDACTED] - N W, Cobden
	Arrived	8/17/2018	22:06:02	
	Arrived	8/17/2018	22:39:24	ucer
	In Service	8/17/2018	23:22:15	

Public Narrative

single vehicle accident no injuries no roadblockage

Departmental Narrative

Verizon Wireless, [REDACTED] - N W, Cobden, IL [REDACTED]

Adult

Melvin Willis

Last Known Address

██████████
 ██████████ IL DL

DOB	Current Age	Incident Age	Sex	Race	HGT	WGT	Hair	Eyes	Build	Skin
██████████	44	43	M	B	511		BLK	BRO		

Suspect Revoke/Susp/Cancel Reg Arrest Adult on 8/17/2018

Citation Traffic

Arresting Officer **Gwaltney, Cody** Ticket# 28833

Court Date **9/20/2018**

Vehicle

Color	Year	Make	Model	Style	Distinguishing Features
Blue	2003	Mercury	GRAND MARQUIS	4 Door	
License	Lic Year	Lic State	Lic Type	Vehicle Identification Number	
██████████	19	MO		2MEFM74W83X677839	
Adult Associated With Vehicle					
Name		Sex	Race	Date of Birth	
Willis, Melvin		M	B	██████████	
Connection - Driver					

Report for Incident 2018-002979, Auto Accident, document created on 8/20/2018 @ 00:13:45

On August 17, 2018, I, Deputy Gwaltney of the Union County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle accident on Giant City Lodge road. I arrived at approximately 9:27pm and observed a Mercury Grand Marquis off the roadway with its rear bumper facing the road. A black male later identified as Melvin Willis got out of the car and walked around to the rear to speak with me.

I asked Willis if he was alright, he stated he was. He requested a tow for his car and an ambulance for his injuries. As we waited for the ambulance, I asked for his driver's license and proof of insurance to get his crash report started for him. I ran his drivers license through dispatch, dispatch advised me his license were revoked. I advised Willis his license were revoked, but since he was going to the hospital, I was giving him a notice to appear. I advised Willis he must be in court on the date given, otherwise a warrant would be issued for his arrest. Willis stated he would make it to court on the date given.

The ambulance arrived on scene, loaded Willis on the ambulance to transport him to the Union County Hospital to be treated for his injuries. Willis had a swollen eye, bleeding underneath his eye on his cheek. The ambulance then transported Willis to the Union County Hospital, Wrights towing arrived on scene shortly after. Wrights loaded the vehicle, transported it to their lot. I then cleared from the scene and headed back towards Anna.

End of report.