

Attn: Donald Kaufman

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Sent via: Electronic mail

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Re: Open Records Request

Mr. Donald Kaufman,

Pursuant to the state open records law D.C. Code Secs. 2-531 to 2-540, I write to request access to and a copy of the following in which are in the possession of the Metropolitan Police Department of District of Columbia. I hereby request the following:

1. All mugshots of Andrew Cook¹;
2. All witness statements, written statements, police reports, police narratives, police notes and all other written information as to Andrew Cook;
3. All electronic and non-electronic records in which the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia has on Andrew Cook;
4. All police body camera footage by officials with the Metropolitan Police Department in their investigation into the crime(s) committed at the Casa Ruby Community Center by Andrew Cook;

I would like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the way in which the government operates, Andrew Cook, the crime that Andrew Cook committed, the destruction of the Casa Ruby Community Center, hate crimes, prejudiced attitudes towards minorities, cowardly perpetrators and et cetera. The public has a legitimate interest as to the outcome as to this case in which this incident was featured in the Washington Blade², LGBTQ Nation³, Metro Weekly⁴, and in a various number of other news sources. The information in which I am requesting is of the interest of the public.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Please then provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

¹ Andrew Cook has been alleged as to having committed the offenses of assault, destruction of property and making threats to kill at the Casa Ruby Community Center located at 2822 Georgia Avenue, N.W on a Sunday day.

² <http://www.washingtonblade.com/2017/03/13/breaking-casa-ruby-attacker-arrested/>

³ <https://www.lgbtqnation.com/2017/03/police-arrest-man-attack-dcs-casa-ruby-community-center/>

⁴ <http://www.metroweekly.com/2017/03/southeast-dc-man-face-vandalism-charges-casa-ruby/>

I would note that willful violation of the open records law can result in the award of reasonable attorney fees and other costs of litigation. See D.C. Code Sec. 2-537(c).

I would request your response within fifteen (15) business days. See D.C. Code Sec. 2-532(c). However if access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. It would be requested for you to send the requested information to me by electronic mail at: iscampaign@usa.com. However you can also send me the requested information to me by mail to the following mailing address:

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Respectfully,

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