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Keith Flynn
Commissioner of Public Safety
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676

Dear Commissioner Flynn:

On March 23 of this year I sent you a Freedom of Information Act request for electronic copies of the audio and video recordings relating to the Oct. 28, 2010 shooting in Rutland in which Vermont State Police Trooper Christopher Lora shot and killed James Lamont. I received no response to that request.

On June 3, I asked state police spokeswoman Stephanie Dasaro via email to check to be sure my request had arrived. She answered my message that same day saying she had reached out to your office and the Department of Public Safety's legal staff. Three weeks later I still have not received a response to either of my requests.

Having received no response, I am assuming this is a constructive denial of my request. Please consider this letter an appeal of that denial.

I am attaching my original letter and the email correspondence I had with Stephanie Dasaro.

Your prompt response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wilson Ring
reporter

cc: Administration Secretary Jeb Spaulding
Special Asst. to the governor Susan Allen



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Dear Commissioner Flynn:

Under the terms of Vermont's Freedom of Information Act I would like to request electronic copies of the audio and video recordings relating to the Oct. 28, 2010 shooting in Rutland in which Vermont State Police Trooper Christopher Lora shot and killed James Lamont. As you are aware, the attorney general's office has finished its investigation and the shooting has been ruled justified.

The incident was said to have been recorded by a police dashboard camera or other video recording device.

The Associated Press will of course pay any reasonable charges for the production of the electronic copies.

Sincerely,

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Ring, Wilson

From: Stephanie Dasaro <sdasaro@dps.state.vt.us>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 2:13 PM
To: Ring, Wilson
Subject: Re: foia

I have reached out to the Commissioner and our legal staff.

Please let me know if you do not hear back from them by the beginning of next week.

I will also follow up with them, as well.

Thx. Stephanie

Stephanie Dasaro | Vermont State Police Public Information Officer
802-241-5277 (PIO) | 802-241-5443 (Web) | 802-279-9773 cell

From: Ring, Wilson [mailto:wring@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 12:40 PM
To: Stephanie Dasaro
Subject: foia

Hi Stephanie,

Back in March I mailed the attached freedom of information request to Commissioner Flynn.

I never received a reply _ although I have to add that our mail distribution system here in our office isn't the best, so I can't say one wasn't sent.

Could you check for me?

Thanks,

Wilson Ring
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Montpelier

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