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**Re: FW: City of Asheville Public Records requests**

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**Sarah Terwilliger** <sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov>  
Draft

Thu, Jul 26, 2018 at 10:09 AM

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From: **Sarah Terwilliger** <sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov>  
Date: Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 3:32 PM  
Subject: Re: FW: City of Asheville Public Records requests  
To: Aaron Adelson <amadelson@sbgvtv.com>

Good afternoon Aaron,

We have produced all the public records which are responsive to your request.

Thank you, and have a great Holiday,  
Sarah  
Sarah Terwilliger  
Deputy City Clerk  
Interim Public Records Officer  
City of Asheville  
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On Sat, Jun 23, 2018 at 4:17 PM Sarah Terwilliger <sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:  
Aaron, I am passing along to legal for clarification. I will pass along info as I learn more.

Thanks!  
Sarah

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On Wed, Jun 20, 2018 at 5:14 PM, Aaron Adelson <amadelson@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

I'm not sure who this question is best meant for, but:

Text messages are not being disclosed, citing a criminal investigation, yet there is an investigation into the city's handling of the Rush situation and records that could be related are deleted? Can you explain that?

**From:** Sarah Terwilliger [mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018 4:56 PM

**To:** Aaron Adelson <amadelson@sbgvtv.com>

**Subject:** Re: FW: City of Asheville Public Records requests

Hi Aaron,

Thank you for your patience. Please see the responses in red below:

The first text from Chief Hooper is on 2/26/18 and says, "Gary-just checking to see if you got my last text." It is the city's position that the text Chief Hooper is referring to was sent prior to 8/25/17? The previous texts were removed pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4 and were not related to the Rush incident. My apologies, I was not aware that texts were removed in legal review, prior to sending to me for release. I incorrectly told you that no text were removed.

Also, checking on the status of this request:

A 2/26/18 text message from Gary Jackson to Chief Hooper has an attachment on it. As it's part of the text message, we would like that attachment. The software used to pull text messages does not pull attachments, such as pictures. It is protocol to wipe the city issued phone upon departure from the employee, therefore this record is not on the phone.

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On Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 5:20 PM, Aaron Adelson <amadelson@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

It has taken me a while to follow back up. For that, I apologize. You said the texts were pulled from 8/25/17-3/5/18, and said none was withheld.

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**From:** Sarah Terwilliger [mailto:[sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018 11:50 AM

**To:** Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)>

**Subject:** Re: FW: City of Asheville Public Records requests

Correct.

Thanks,

Sarah

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On Tue, Jun 5, 2018 at 10:24 AM, Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)> wrote:

Okay, thank you. No text messages from any of the parties requested were withheld by the city?

**From:** Sarah Terwilliger [mailto:[sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018 9:59 AM

**To:** Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)>

**Subject:** Re: FW: City of Asheville Public Records requests

Aaron, the texts were pulled from 8/25/17 - 3/5/18. The recipients give their phone to IT which has a software that pulls the texts by date, not by key words. Legal then reviews.

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On Tue, May 29, 2018 at 10:51 AM, Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)> wrote:

How are text messages being searched and what are the dates being used? I'm still somewhat confused.

**From:** Sarah Terwilliger [mailto:[sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:00 AM

**To:** Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)>

**Subject:** Re: FW: City of Asheville Public Records requests

Good morning Aaron,

1. There were not any responsive text that came back for August
2. Not sure I follow- I see pages 93-94. Page numbers are largely irrelevant, the request required several searches for the various search terms and email accounts, that is why they are in no particular order. Also, the emails are often arranged and sorted in the review process and pulled if an exemption applies.
3. In further review, it appears the files for Wisler and Manheimer originally came back too large, and were mistakenly not converted and therefore missed. I have asked IT to rerun this request for their emails- I apologize for this error and inconvenience.
4. 1 email were removed pursuant to G.S. 132-1.1(a), Attorney-Client privilege; 7 emails were removed pursuant to G.S. 160A-168, Personnel; 1 email was removed pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4, Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Records.

Thank you,

Sarah

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On Wed, May 16, 2018 at 12:32 PM, Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Looking to follow up about these questions...

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**From:** Aaron Adelson  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2018 3:18 PM  
**To:** 'Sarah Terwilliger' <[sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: City of Asheville Public Records requests

Hi Sarah,

I just had a chance to read through these documents.

Why are the text messages limited to February and March with nothing from August?

Pages 93 and 94 appear to be missing?

I also don't see any emails from Esther Manheimer, or Gwen Wisler. Why is that?

Can you please provide a list of what has been excluded and why? We have previously asked for things to be redacted, not outright excluded.

**From:** Sarah Terwilliger [<mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: City of Asheville Public Records requests

Good morning Aaron,

Please find the folder for the requested email correspondence here.

Both request for records on this email chain are now closed.

Thanks!

Sarah

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On Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 11:12 AM, Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)> wrote:

Thanks!

Aaron Adelson

Reporter

News13 WLOS

On Apr 26, 2018, at 11:10 AM, Sarah Terwilliger <[sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:

Agreed. There are 2 requests tangled here. To summarize:

1. Stony Gonce status

- sent to HR for personnel file update

2. correspondence with Keywords: "Johnnie Rush," "Hickman," "Ruggiero," "Excessive Force," "Jaywalking," and "Police."

- currently in City Attorney's office for legal review

I changed to email subject to reflect both and will keep you updated.

Thanks,

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On Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 10:32 AM, Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I'm just following up on the status of this request. We really need to untangle these emails; however since this is under the subject of Stony Gonce. Is he still on paid investigative suspension?

**From:** Sarah Terwilliger [mailto:[sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:54 PM

**To:** Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)>

**Subject:** Re: FW: RECORD REQUEST: STONY GONCE

No, we are moving forward; the requested emails are currently in the City Attorney's office for legal review.

Thanks!

Sarah

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On Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 11:48 AM, Aaron Adelson <[amadelson@sbgvtv.com](mailto:amadelson@sbgvtv.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Wanted to follow up and see if there is more to discuss?