

January 16, 2014

Col. Kevin Barry
Interim Police Chief
Cranston Police Department
5 Garfield Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

BY FAX AND MAIL

Dear Col. Barry:

Please consider this a formal request pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act, R.I.G.L. 38-2-1 et seq.

I am writing to obtain certain records relating to the ongoing parking ticket controversy in the City. This request is specifically made in light of news reports today that Capt. Stephen Antonucci has waived his rights to confidentiality relating to the probe.

Allegations have been made to us and, we understand, to the State Police, that Capt. Antonucci used a private cell phone, not the police department's radio, to order officers to engage in ticketing during the nights in question in November. In that context, I am writing to request the following records:

(1) Copies of any police radio conversations or calls between Capt. Antonucci and other members of the police department between November 13 and November 16, 2013, relating to the issuance of parking tickets, and/or any police logs relating to any such conversations or calls;

(2) Any memos, orders, or other documents issued by Capt. Antonucci between January 1, 2013 and November 16, 2013 relating to enforcement of the City's overnight parking ordinance; and

(3) Copies of any departmental policies, rules or regulations governing police officers' use of private or personal cell phones for law-enforcement related activities.

As provided for by APRA, I look forward to receiving the requested documents within 10 business days. Please be advised we are also willing to pay reasonable copying costs for the information in accordance with APRA.

If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to let me know. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Steven Brown
Executive Director