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11/24/2024

Mr. Eric Traub and Chief Keneth Lawson
Whitpain Township
960 Wentz Road
Blue Bell PA 19422

Subject: Concerns Regarding Burglary Investigation and Seeking Appropriate Action

Dear Mr. Traub and Chief Lawson,

We are writing to formally address the burglary at my residence, 951 Netherwood Drive, Blue Bell, on **September 19, 2024**, at approximately 5:55 PM. We are deeply concerned about how this case has been handled thus far and seek appropriate justice for the crimes committed.

As advised by the District Attorney's Office, We are contacting the chain of command in Whitpain Township to share my concerns regarding the investigation. Enclosed is a copy of my prior correspondence with the Lieutenants at the Whitpain Township Police Department, which outlines the specific issues encountered during this case.

Since our last communication with the department, it has come to our attention that the Damaged Property Summary charge against Brent Bowers has been withdrawn. However, our property remains in disrepair; the lowest repair estimate I have received is approximately \$9,000. Additionally, while a harassment charge has been filed against Mr. Bowers, there has been no indication of a theft charge despite my dead wife's jewelry being stolen during the burglary.

In a conversation with Detective Tom Wittig two days after the burglary, We were informed that the perpetrators claimed they did not take any jewelry. We were left questioning why the testimony of individuals involved in criminal activity is being treated as credible over the evidence provided by the victim.

Moreover, Detective Wittig informed us that the District Attorney's Office was involved in the case, but this does not appear accurate based on current proceedings. Enclosed are appraisals and proof of ownership for some of the items stolen from my lockbox, which should warrant further involvement from the District Attorney.

It is especially troubling that the dropped charge against Mr. Bowers appears to sever any direct connection to his known accomplices, Jeffrey and George Cassera. This raises significant concerns as efforts are being made to shield these individuals from accountability. Given the circumstances, I am compelled to ask:

- Why has the District Attorney's Office not been more actively involved in prosecuting these severe crimes?
- Why are Jeffrey and George Cassera seemingly excluded from the investigation and potential charges?
- Is there an underlying reason—financial or otherwise—that has led to this perceived lack of accountability?

This situation is even more distressing in light of a prior incident at my home in 2019, where individuals were captured on camera damaging my property. Despite police response to that incident, no arrests or charges were made. This pattern of inaction erodes trust in the department's ability to protect the community and uphold justice.

I am requesting the following:

1. Both burglars should be held accountable with charges that reflect the gravity of their crimes.
2. The Assistant District Attorney, who was referenced by Detective Wittig, actively participated in this case.
3. The case should be reassigned to a County Detectives to ensure impartiality and thoroughness.
4. I Request a Continuance immediately to the Summary charges on December 18th at Blue Bell District Court.

Also, the community should be aware of the continued threat these individuals are to the community. Publicizing this case through appropriate Social Media and News Media channels would warn residents and reinforce trust in the department's commitment to community safety. We have some experience in this area and are willing to assist with such outreach efforts.

We hope to see a renewed focus on this case, addressing these concerns and ensuring justice for my family and community. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing back from you soon via an email response.

Below is a small sample of the videos we have regarding this situation. We also sent the Liutenenants the attached letter. We sent them access to the videos of the robbery and the information packet we have been putting together regarding this situation to help us solve this crime together. You may have already been privy to this information because we have submitted this information to Whitpain Police multiple times, both in person and electronically, including in person the night of the robbery and the following day via email.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Testa

Attachments and Links



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Lawson, Ken <klawson@whitpainpolice.org>

Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 12:16 PM

To: Scott Testa <stesta97@gmail.com>, Hulda <huldakayd@gmail.com>

Cc: "Franco, Frank" <ffranco@whitpainpolice.org>, "Sweisfurth, Brian" <bsweisfurth@whitpainpolice.org>, "Wittig, Thomas" <twittig@whitpainpolice.org>, Eric Traub <etraub@whitpaintownship.org>

Mr. Testa

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. Please be assured that your case is being taken seriously. We are committed to conducting a thorough review with Detective Wittig and the rest of our team. Due to scheduling conflicts, we will convene next week to discuss the investigation further. Your understanding is greatly appreciated, and we will contact you with updates following our meeting. In the meantime, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require additional assistance.

Ken

Kenneth Lawson

Chief of Police

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September 27, 2024

Scott V. Testa
951 Netherwood Drive
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Via Email: stesta97@gmail.com

Re: Right-to-Know Request Received September 20, 2024

Dear Mr. Testa,

The Township is in receipt of your request for a copy of the following records: *"Police report for the robbery that occurred at 951 Netherwood Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422 on September 19th, 2024 at 5:55 PM."*

Your request is denied because the record you requested is not a public record. The requested record is a police incident report, which is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 708(b)(16) Right-To-Know Law ("RTKL"), as a record related to a criminal investigation. Please note, the identity of a requester, the reason for their request, and/or their relation to the requested records is not a basis for releasing records under the RTKL. In addition, investigative information is restricted from disclosure pursuant to Section 9106(c)(4) of the Criminal History Record Information Act, which prohibits the Police Department from releasing investigative information to any person or entity other than another criminal justice agency or an insurance company for the purpose of processing a claim for coverage under an applicable policy.

Although the Township is unable to release a copy of the responsive report, the Township can confirm that the requested report exists in the Police Department's files, as follows:

Case Number:	2024-18666
Date and Time of Report:	9/19/24; 17:57
Incident Type:	Burglary

You have the right to appeal this response in writing to the Open Records Appeals Officer, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404

If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the Agency's response. Please note that a copy of your original Right-To-Know request and this denial letter must be included when filing an appeal. The law also requires that you state the reasons why the record is a public record and address the reasons the Agency denies your request. Visit the Office of Open Records website for additional information.

Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our offices as permitted by law.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eric Traub in black ink.

Eric Traub
Township Manager & Open Records Officer



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November 19, 2024

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Via Email: stesta97@gmail.com

Re: Right-to-Know Request Received November 12, 2024

Dear Mr. Testa,

The Township is in receipt of your request for records related to the following: *"Robbery 951 Netherwood Drive September 19, 2024, at 5:55 pm"*

Your request is denied because the record you requested is not a public record. The responsive record is a police incident report, which is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 708(b)(16) of the Right-To-Know Law ("RTKL"), as a record related to a criminal investigation. Please note, the identity of a requester, the reason for their request, and/or their relation to the requested records is not a basis for releasing records under the RTKL. In addition, this record is also prohibited from disclosure pursuant to Section 9106(c)(4) of the Criminal History Record Information Act, which restricts the Police Department from releasing investigative information to any person or entity other than another criminal justice agency or an insurance company for the purpose of processing a claim for coverage under an applicable policy.

Please note, if records are being requested in connection with the preparation of civil litigation related to the criminal matter, you may wish to consider the option of submitting a Crime Victims Right of Access ("CVRA") request.

Although the Township is unable to release a copy of the requested record, the Township can confirm that a responsive report exists in the Police Department's files, as follows:

Case Number:	2024-18666
Date and Time of Report:	9/19/24; 17:57
Incident Type:	Burglary

You have the right to appeal this response in writing to the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Attn: Open Records Appeals Officer, P.O. Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404-0311.

If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the Agency's response. Please note that a copy of your original Right-To-Know request and this denial letter must be included when filing an appeal. The law also requires that you state the reasons why the record is a public record and address the reasons the Agency denies your request. Visit the Office of Open Records website for additional information.

Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our offices as permitted by law.

Sincerely,



Eric Traub
Township Manager & Open Records Officer
Whitpain Township