From:	Ashley Wyatt
To:	Derwin Brayboy; Dan Hartzog Jr (dhartzogjr@hartzoglawgroup.com); Chancer McLaughlin; Leeanne Carlucci; Stephen Dollinger
Subject:	Discussion of Public Records Request
Start:	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 11:00:00 AM
End:	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 11:30:00 AM
Location:	Chancer"s Office

From:	Ashley Wyatt
To:	Derwin Brayboy
Subject:	Fw: Public Records Request – Officer Delbert Bray / Complaint #25-07 / All Related Communications and Materials
Date:	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 10:28:18 AM
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Cc:	Chancer McLaughlin
Subject:	RE: Fw: Public Records Request – Officer Delbert Bray / Complaint #25-07 / All Related Communications and Materials
Date:	Wednesday, May 28, 2025 4:54:28 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image006.png

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Sorry, It transferred faster than I thought.
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v/r
Chris

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v/r
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Hello,

I will start working this request this afternoon.

V/r
Chris

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Hi Chris,
Can you do a search for bullet 5. Thanks.

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Date:	Thursday, May 29, 2025 9:09:44 AM
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Ok thanks

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Thank you for your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

John Gabriel Avila

100 Hay Street – Suite 704 #1110
Fayetteville, NC 28301
avilajg99@gmail.com

From:	Ashley Wyatt
To:	John Avila
Cc:	Coronda Regan
Subject:	RE: Public Records Request – Officer Delbert Bray / Complaint #25-07 / All Related Communications and Materials
Date:	Monday, May 19, 2025 9:05:00 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image008.png

Greetings,
This request has been received and is being reviewed. Thank you.

In Service,

Ashley S. Wyatt
MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

5770 Rockfish Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348
(910) 424-4555
TownofHopeMills.com

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From: John Avila <avilajg99@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 5:43 PM
To: Ashley Wyatt <awyatt@townofhopemills.com>
Cc: Coronda Regan <cregan@townofhopemills.com>
Subject: Public Records Request – Officer Delbert Bray / Complaint #25-07 / All Related Communications and Materials

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Dear Ms. Wyatt,

I am submitting this request under North Carolina Public Records Law (G.S. § 132-1 et seq.) for access to and copies of records relating to my formal complaint against Officer Delbert Bray (Complaint #25-07, filed April 17, 2025), and all related matters through the closure of the Internal Affairs investigation on April 29, 2025.

Specifically, I request:

1. The complete Internal Affairs (IA) file regarding my complaint, including all

correspondence, findings, interviews, evidence reviewed, and the final disposition.

2. All public records of disciplinary action, complaints, or findings regarding Officer Bray, as permitted under North Carolina law.
3. Any and all body-worn camera footage, dash camera footage, or audio/video recordings involving Officer Bray on or after April 17, 2025, especially those related to the events or incidents referenced in my complaint or any interaction involving myself.
4. All policies, procedures, and training materials regarding officer conduct, citizen complaints, and retaliation against complainants that were in effect at the time of my complaint.
5. All email correspondence, department-wide, containing the word “Bray” from April 17, 2025, through April 29, 2025, regardless of sender or recipient, including internal and external communications (subject, body, and attachments).
6. All text messages (SMS, MMS, iMessage, or similar), department-wide, sent or received by any department employee referencing “Bray” or sent to/from Officer Bray, from April 17, 2025, through April 29, 2025, including communications on city-issued and personal devices used for department business.
7. All records—including emails, texts, memos, or documented verbal directives—instructing Officer Bray or any department employee to delete, remove, alter, or sanitize any Facebook posts, messages, images, or other communications, specifically including but not limited to any directives from Chief Dollinger.
8. All correspondence (including emails, letters, memos, or notes) sent or received by the Internal Affairs division, or between any Hope Mills Police Department employees or officials, referencing my complaint, Officer Bray, or the Internal Affairs investigation from April 17, 2025, through April 29, 2025.

To clarify item #7 above:
I am specifically requesting any and all documentation relating to the directive from Chief Dollinger to Officer Bray regarding the removal or deletion of any official imagery or communications. For your reference, I have attached a screenshot of the email communication in which Chief Dollinger instructs Officer Bray to remove such material.

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Stephen Dollinger <sdollinger@townofhopemills.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 17, 2025, 11:48=E2=80=AFAM
Subject: Re:
To: John Avila <avilajg99@gmail.com>

Sir,

He was directed to remove his photo of him in uniform immediately while the investigation is being conducted. He has no right to contact you. I will handle this immediately. Please let me know if he contacts you again.

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From:	Ashley Wyatt
To:	Chancer McLaughlin; Dan Hartzog Jr (dhartzogjr@hartzoglawgroup.com); Leeanne Carlucci; Stephen Dollinger
Subject:	Discussion of Public Records Request
Start:	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 11:00:00 AM
End:	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 11:30:00 AM
Location:	Chancer"s Office