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Missing person investigation for Massachusetts woman continues

By Associated Press
Friday, February 13, 2004

HAVERHILL, N.H. - A missing person investigation continued Friday for a young Massachusetts woman, who disappeared earlier this week after her second car crash in three days.

Haverhill police Chief Jeff Williams said the search of the area where Maura Murray, 21, of Hanson, Mass., crashed her car into a snowbank last Monday has ended, but the investigation continues. He said the hope is she will contact a family member or friend, or someone else might see her and call, he said.

"We are concerned for her personal welfare. There is no evidence of foul play," he said.

"Our concern is that she's upset or suicidal, something the family was concerned about."

Murray's family along with her boyfriend, Army Lt. Bill Rausch, and his family have flown into the state to help. The family has been passing out fliers with her picture on both sides of the border, hoping someone might have seen her.

"This is very unusual," said Fred Murray, her father. "It's not like her to just take off."

Police using dogs and a helicopter and Fish and Game officers searched the immediate area of the accident and found nothing. Murray disappeared after a resident in the area went out to help her, and called police, though she asked him not to. When police arrived, she was gone, leaving behind her car, which was undriveable.

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The accident occurred on Route 112 about one mile from the Swift Water Village, and about five miles from Wells River, Vt., across the Connecticut River.

She was familiar with the area because her family vacationed in the Lincoln and Conway areas for years.

Sharon Rausch, the boyfriend's mother who flew in with her husband, Bill, from Marengo, Ohio, to help said she had been told Murray ``had made arrangements to be away from work for a week."

She worked at an art gallery while going to nursing school at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she is a junior, Rausch said.

She said Murray crashed her car two days after wrecking her father's car in a crash.

``She's extremely responsible, an extremely frugal girl. I think she wanted to get away and get her head on straight," Rausch said.

``We have no reason to believe she was running away."

``She's a jewel of a girl," she said.

She said Murray left an e-mail message with her son on Monday afternoon that said she wants to talk to him.

Murray and her son met at the U.S Military Academy at West Point where both were students, Rausch said. She left after 1 years. Rausch said Murray is an outstanding athlete who ran in high school and college.

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Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner of Safety

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Colonel Gary M. Sloper

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June 29, 2004

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker Street
Weymouth, MA 02188

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request/ Maura Murray F-04-1514

Dear Mr. Murray:

I have had an opportunity to review your undated request for all reports, log files 2/9/04 to present and all information and data. Your request for case number F-04-1514 in reference to Maura Murray was reviewed under the New Hampshire Right to Know Law, RSA 91-A.

A determination has been made these files are investigative in nature, the release of the requested reports, logs and data information would be a disclosure constituting and unwarranted invasion of privacy under RSA 91-A:5 IV. The release and disclosure at this time could interfere with an ongoing investigation. See *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 NH 574 (1978). Therefore, your request at this time is denied.

I am sorry I am unable to assist you at this time. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact me at 603-271-6978.

Sincerely,

Brian Hester
Lieutenant-Special Investigation Unit



State of New Hampshire

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RICHARD M. FLYNN
COMMISSIONER

September 17, 2004

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker Street
Weymouth, MA 02188

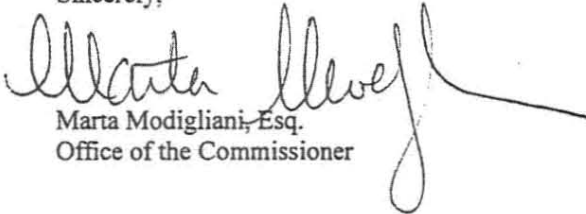
RE: Your Undated Letter Appealing Your 91-A Request

Dear Mr. Murray:

I am responding to your undated letter addressed to Lt. Brian Hester, regarding your intention to appeal the denial of your Freedom of Information Request (of which was reviewed under the New Hampshire Right to Know Law, RSA 91-A).

By letter dated June 29, 2004, Lt. Hester denied your request. I wish to advise you that the Department's decision is final and there is no additional appeal process within the Department of Safety. However, RSA 91-A:7 provides recourse for persons aggrieved by a violation of RSA 91-A. A person may appeal by filing a petition for injunctive relief at the Superior Court.

Sincerely,



Marta Modigliani, Esq.
Office of the Commissioner

Cc: Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner
Earl M. Sweeney, Assistant Commissioner
Colonel Frederick Booth, Division of State Police
Lieutenant Brian Hester, Special Investigation Unit



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Department of Public Safety

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July 12, 2004

Mr. Frederick J. Murray
Homestead Suites
945 Bridgeport Ave.
Shelton, CT 06484

Dear Mr. Murray:

I am in receipt of your request under the Freedom of Information Act in reference to:

- All reports and log files from February 9, 2004 to present, and
- All information and data pertaining to case number F04-1514 (UMass Police case number 04-1851)

In reference to your request for all public logs from February 9, 2004, please see the enclosed materials at no charge.

In reference to your second request for the police reports pertaining to this case, I am declining to release this information based on Public Records Law Exemption F - The Investigatory Exemption.

I realize that this is an extremely difficult time for you and your family. The University of Massachusetts Police at Amherst have fully cooperated with the New Hampshire State Police, the lead investigatory unit. Accordingly, under their direction, all information should be requested through them.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (413) 545-2125.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara O'Connor', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chief Barbara O'Connor

Enclosure

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Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
Weymouth, Ma. 02188

(781) 964-4628

FOIA Request Letter

October 31, 2004

Grafton County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Thomas Andross
3785 Dartmouth College Highway
P.O. Box 6
North Haverhill, N.H. 03774

Dear Thomas Andross:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to obtain a copy of the following documents:


• All radio dispatches and log files from 6:00 P.M. on 2/09/04 — 6:00 P.M. on 2/10/04.

Please inform me of any expenses, to cover any cost in duplicating this document as requested. If there are any other fees associated with this request, please contact me.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption, which justifies your refusal to release the requested information. Please notify and explain to me in writing the appeal procedures available to me under any federal, state, and/or local law(s) that would enable me to obtain the above-requested information.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (781) 964-4628.

Sincerely,


Frederick J. Murray



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January 3, 2005

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker Street
Weymouth, MA 02188

Dear Mr. Murray:

Regarding your Freedom of Information Request Letter dated November 30, 2004 requesting:

"All radios dispatches and log files from 6:00 PM on February 10, 2004 up to and including 12:00AM on February 11, 2004",

on the advice of the Grafton County Attorney, your request for this information is denied. The information requested is part of files that are investigative in nature, and release would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy under NH RSA 91-A:5(IV). The release and disclosure at this time could interfere with an ongoing investigation. See *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 NH 574 (1978).

I am sorry that I am unable to assist you further at this time.

Thomas Andross
Director of Communications

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FOIA Request Letter

1-13-05

TO: RICARDO ST. HILAIRE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY - GRAFTON COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
3785 DARTMOUTH COLLEGE HIGHWAY
BOX 7
NORTH HAVERHILL, N.H., 03774-9758
Re: Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514
Missing Adult
(02/09/04)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to obtain a copy of the following documents:

- All reports and log files from 2/09/04 - Present.
- All information and data* pertaining to Case Number: F04-1514 and/or the following:

Maura Murray
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Ma. 01002

*All Information and Data - electronic and paper: pertaining to all police logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray and this case. Case Number F04-1514

Please inform me of any expenses, to cover any cost in duplicating this document as requested. If there are any other fees associated with this request, please contact me.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption, which justifies your refusal to release the requested information. Please notify and explain to me in writing the appeal procedures available to me under any federal, state, and/or local law(s) that would enable me to obtain the above-requested information.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at

Sincerely,



FREDERICK J MURRAY

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Ricardo A. St.Hilaire
Grafton County Attorney



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Office Administrator

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January 18, 2005

Frederick Murray
22 Walker Street
Weymouth, MA 02188

Re: Maura Murray

Dear Mr. Murray:

We are in receipt of your FOIA request dated 1/13/05. A review of our cases shows that we do not possess any files related to Maura Murray.

Sincerely,

Ricardo A. St. Hilaire
Grafton County Attorney

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FOIA Request Letter

1-13-05

TO: KELLY A. AYOTTE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
33 CAPITOL ST.
CONCORD, N.H.
03301

Re: Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514
Missing Adult
(02/09/04)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to obtain a copy of the following documents:

- All reports and log files from 2/09/04 - Present.
- All information and data* pertaining to **Case Number: F04-1514** and/or the following:


Maura Murray
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Ma. 01002

*All Information and Data -- electronic and paper: pertaining to all police logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray and this case. Case Number F04-1514

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If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption, which justifies your refusal to release the requested information. Please notify and explain to me in writing the appeal procedures available to me under any federal, state, and/or local law(s) that would enable me to obtain the above-requested information.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at

Sincerely, 
FREDERICK J MURRAY
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KELLY A. AYOTTE
ATTORNEY GENERAL



MICHAEL A. DELANEY
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 9, 2005

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
Weymouth, Ma. 02188

Dear Mr. Murray:

I am writing in response to your January 13, 2005 letter making a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act of 5 USC sec. 552, for any records of case number F04-1514, pertaining to the investigation of the disappearance of Maura Murray.

Please take note that under the terms of 5 USC sec. 552(f), and 5USCA 551(1), state sovereigns are not covered by this federal statute. In other words, the Federal Freedom of Information Act does not apply to state agencies.

To the extent that you believe federal agencies may have been involved in this investigation, you must make a request directly to that agency for your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Ruoff".

David W. Ruoff
Assistant Attorney General
Homicide Unit
(603) 271-3671

cc: Jeffery Strelzin, Senior Assistant Attorney General
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February 09, 2005

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Mr. Frederick Murray
22 Walker Street
Weymouth MA 02188

Governor John Lynch
Office of the Governor
State House
25 Capitol Street
Concord NH 03301

Governor Lynch:

Today, February 9, 2005 marks the one year point of my daughter, Maura Murray's unlikely and highly suspicious disappearance following a minor car accident on Route 112 in North Haverhill, New Hampshire.

The investigative body, New Hampshire State Police Troop F of Grafton County, has followed up its astonishingly careless go-through-the-motions response with an unnaturally steadfast refusal to communicate on the matter since. Their investigation includes not questioning neighbors who live one hundred yards from and in sight of the accident scene until 10 days had passed, and this only after my family and friends had spoken to these people and expressed our shock about it to the police. My daughter could have walked right by or have been picked up in a vehicle by the wrong person(s) in full view of these houses. Not even the fact that their tracking dog lost Maura's scent squarely before these properties, one of which was owned by the last person who talked to Maura, and another by the last person to actually see her, was enough to provoke the most elementary of basic investigatory technique.

Phone records reveal that Maura called a couple who rent their condominium in Bartlett, New Hampshire, where our family has vacationed for decades, just before she left the University of Massachusetts and headed directly that way last February 9. When I recently discovered that these folks had never even been contacted by Troop F it felt as if I had just been struck across the face with a two-by-four.

Law Enforcement's decision on this case from its inception has been to insist that you can take your pick of three possible happenstances: suicide, runaway, or hyperthermia victim but not consider the fourth which is the probability, rather than the possibility, that is, that a bad guy grabbed her and they can't catch him. To support their diversion the commander of Troop F twice stated during The Chronicle Program on Channel 5 in Boston that Maura wrote a final letter to her boyfriend and left it in a prominent place in

her dormitory room. This clearly suggests the traditional "suicide letter", but the deception is that she never wrote or left such a letter at all and the police were fully cognizant of this fact at that time.

The pattern certainly doesn't indicate adherence to accepted and recommended police procedure. To date the high law enforcement officials in Concord have reacted like ostriches to this pseudo-investigation by your Troop F. I am left with a hollow, gut-wrenching sensation resulting from finally knowing for sure that the people responsible for finding my daughter are not even submitting a mail-it-in effort on her behalf. Worse still is that they remain determined to not accept the offer of meaningful participation extended by the Federal Bureau of Investigation which is strangely odd indeed.

I am appealing to you, sir, to ask Attorney General Kelly Ayotte to authorize the release of the records in this case to me through my petition under the Freedom of Information Act and the New Hampshire Right to Know Law RSA CH 91-A. I am basing this plea on the present classification of my daughter's case as a missing person situation and not as a criminal investigation. What could be the nature of this which must be so zealously veiled from view and the motivation prompting such secrecy?

With no informational resources available I am left to desperately search for Maura all by myself. How can I do this if the police sit idly on the applicable evidence? Take, for example, her computer. If I could get it back, I might be able to discern who she contacted on that last afternoon and perhaps discover a new direction to follow. It's one thing if Troop F isn't willing to be part of the solution, but please don't allow them to continue to be part of the problem.

Governor Lynch, you represent my final hope to help my little girl. I pray that you will regard reacting favorably to my entreaty, not so much as your legal obligation, but as a parent, your moral responsibility.

Hopefully,

Frederick J. Murray

cc: Attorney General Kelly Ayotte
Councilor Raymond S. Burton
Colonel Frederick Booth
The Boston Globe
The Union Leader
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From: "Ruel, Lynda" <lynda.ruel@doj.nh.gov>
Sent: Jun 23, 2005 6:23 PM
To: fmdad <fmdad@earthlink.net>
Subject: RE: complementary search

Dear Mr. Murray,

I was able to talk to the investigators and they are not going to give any information on your questions regarding the ongoing investigation at this time.

Lynda

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
Weymouth, Ma. 02188
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(781) 964-4628

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FOIA Request Letter

October 10, 2005

Nicholas Giaccone, Police Chief
Or Keeper of Records
Hanover Police Department
46 Lyme Road
Hanover, ~~MA~~ 03755
NH

Re: **Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945**
Missing Adult - (02/09/04)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and NH RSA 91-A, I am requesting the following documents:

- All radio dispatches and log files from 6:00 P.M. on 2/09/04 – 6:00 P.M. on 2/10/04.
- All written reports* and logs including, but not limited to Missing Person Maura Murray and/or report of motor vehicle accidents pertaining to Maura Murray and/or a Black Saturn on Route 112 in Haverhill/Woodsville (Bath/Swiftwater)

Including but not limited to ***All Information and Data – electronic and paper:** pertaining to all logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray and this case. **Case Number F04-1514**

Please inform me of any expenses, to cover any cost in duplicating these documents as requested. If there are any other fees associated with this request, please contact me.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption, which justifies your refusal to release the requested information. Please notify and explain to me in writing the appeal procedures available to me under any federal, state, and/or local law(s) that would enable me to obtain the above-requested information.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (781) 964-4628.

Sincerely,



Frederick J. Murray

CC: Attorney General Kelly Ayotte
Attorney Timothy Ervin

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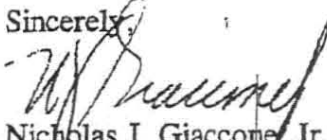
October 20, 2005

Mr. Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
Weymouth, MA 02188

Re: Maura Murray
Case #F04-1514
NCIC ID#M-883793945
Missing Adult (02/09/04)

Dear Mr. Murray:

On October 17, 2005, we received your request for documents. This request has been turned over to the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, which is working with the State Police on the investigation. No documents will be released pending a determination by the Attorney General's Office that the documents can be released. The Attorney General's Office has advised me that they expect this to take at least thirty (30) days.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Giaccone, Jr.
Chief of Police

NJG/esr

cc: Jeffery Strelzin, Assistant Atty. General

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Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
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FOIA Request Letter

October 10, 2005

Colonel Frederick H. Booth
Director
Or Keeper of the Records
Division of State Police
Department of Safety
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

**Re: Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945
Missing Adult - (02/09/04)**

Dear Colonel Booth:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and NH RSA 91-A, I am requesting the following:

All written reports* and logs relative to **Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945** including, but not limited to

- Any and all motor vehicle accident reports relative to an accident reported on February 9, 2004 on Route 112 in the Haverhill/Woodsville and/or Swiftwater/Bath area to any and all State and/or municipal agencies
- Missing Person Reports filed by any and all agencies relative to Maura Murray Reports of searches performed under the direction of or at the request of New Hampshire State Police
- Witness reports and/or statements
- Reports from the University of Massachusetts Police
- Reports from the FBI investigating the case of Maura Murray
- Reports from the Amherst, Massachusetts Police Department
- Reports from New Hampshire State Police Troop F regarding the case of Maura Murray
- Reports from New Hampshire Fish and Game Department relating to searches for Maura Murray
- Reports from the Haverhill Police Department
- Results of any and all lie detector tests performed in the investigation of this case
- Videos received showing persons believed to be Maura Murray
- Any and all receipts found in the vehicle belonging to Frederick Murray, driven by Maura Murray
- Computer read out from vehicle (Black Saturn) driven by Maura Murray
- Copy of computer hard drive from computer obtained by Det. Todd Landry from Kathleen Murray
- List of any and all DNA tests requests made
- Results of any and all DNA tests performed on behalf of the New Hampshire State Police or any agency acting in its behalf
- Results of any and all telephone record requests made regarding Case #F04-1514 including but not limited to: University of Massachusetts (dormitory room of Maura Murray, Security Phone at Maura's place of employment, Art Gallery where Maura was employed). Records requested in conjunction with a cell phone call reported to NH State Police to have been made by the American Red Cross, received by William Rausch (Maura's boyfriend) believed by Mr. Rausch to have been Maura.
- Copies of all correspondence between Maura Murray and William (Billy) Rausch found within Maura's belonging obtained by State Policeman Todd Landry from Kathleen Murray, Hanover, Massachusetts.
- Inventory of all items that had been voluntarily provided to NH SP by the Murray family or any other party, and for an account of the information if any that each item provided
- Reports of any and all forensic evaluations resulting from the investigation of Maura Murray

***All Information and Data – electronic and paper:** pertaining to all logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray and this case. Case Number F04-1514

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Sincerely,

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Frederick J. Murray

CC: Attorney General Kelly Ayotte
Attorney Timothy Ervin

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Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
Weymouth, Ma. 02188
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(781) 964-4628

FOIA Request Letter

October 10, 2005

State Police Lt. John K. Scarinza
Commander of State Police Troop F in Twin Mountain
Or Keeper of the Records
PO Box 440
Route 302
Twin Mountain, NH 03595

Re: Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945.
Missing Adult - (02/09/04)

Dear Lt. Scarinza:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and NH RSA 91-A, I am requesting the following:

All written reports* and logs relative to **Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945** including, but not limited to

- Any and all motor vehicle accident reports relative to an accident reported on February 9, 2004 on Route 112 in the Haverhill/Woodsville and/or Swiftwater/Bath area to any and all State and/or municipal agencies
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Frederick J. Murray

CC: Attorney General Kelly Ayotte
Attorney Timothy Ervin

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FOIA Request Letter

October 10, 2005

State Trooper John Monahan
Troop F – New Hampshire State Police
P.O. Box 440, Route 302
Twin Mountain, New Hampshire 03595

Re: **Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945**
Missing Adult - (02/09/04)

Dear Trooper Monahan:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and NH RSA 91-A, I am requesting the following documents:


All written reports* and logs including but not limited to “Black Book” entries and reports made on or about February 9, 2004 ***All Information and Data – electronic and paper:** pertaining to all logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray and this case. **Case Number F04-1514**

Please inform me of any expenses, to cover any cost in duplicating these documents as requested. If there are any other fees associated with this request, please contact me.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption, which justifies your refusal to release the requested information. Please notify and explain to me in writing the appeal procedures available to me under any federal, state, and/or local law(s) that would enable me to obtain the above-requested information.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (781) 964-4628.

Sincerely,


Frederick J. Murray

CC: Attorney General Kelly Ayotte
Attorney Timothy Ervin

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
Weymouth, Ma. 02188
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(781) 964-4628

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FOIA Request Letter

October 10, 2005

Lt. Todd Bogardus or Keeper of Records
New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
Region 2
RR Box 3a
New Hampton, NH 03256

Re: Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945
Missing Adult - (02/09/04)

Dear Lt. Bogardus:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and NH RSA 91-A, I am requesting the following documents:

- All radio dispatches and log files from 6:00 P.M. on 2/09/04 – 6:00 P.M. on 2/10/04.
- All written reports* and logs regarding searches for Maura Murray including, but not limited to searches performed on or about the following dates:
 - February 11, 2004
 - February 19, 2004
 - April 24-25, 2004
 - July 13, 2004

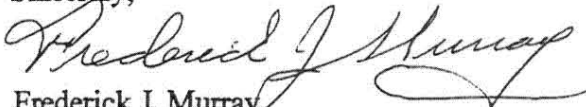
Including but not limited to ***All Information and Data – electronic and paper**: pertaining to all logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray and this case. **Case Number F04-1514**

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FOIA Request Letter

October 10, 2005

David W. Kelley
Commander of the Historic Case Unit in Major Crimes
Or Keeper of Records
Division of State Police
Department of Safety
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

**Re: Maura Murray Case #: F04-1514 – NCIC ID # M-883793945
Missing Adult - (02/09/04)**

Dear Officer Kelley:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and NH RSA 91-A, I am requesting the following documents:

All written reports* and logs including but not limited to ***All Information and Data – electronic and paper**: pertaining to all logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray and this case. **Case Number F04-1514**

Please inform me of any expenses, to cover any cost in duplicating these documents as requested. If there are any other fees associated with this request, please contact me.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption, which justifies your refusal to release the requested information. Please notify and explain to me in writing the appeal procedures available to me under any federal, state, and/or local law(s) that would enable me to obtain the above-requested information.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (781) 964-4628.

Sincerely,



Frederick J. Murray

CC: Attorney General Kelly Ayotte
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Weymouth, MA 02188

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FOIA Request Letter

October 10, 2005

Barbara O'Connor, J.D.
Chief of Police or Keeper of the Records
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Dickinson Hall - 351 Hicks Way
Amherst, Massachusetts 01003

Re: Maura Murray Missing Adult (02/09/04)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under the federal law, Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Massachusetts Public Records Law (M. G. L. Chapter 66, Section 10), I am requesting copies of the following documents:

- All reports and log files from 2/09/04 – Present * pertinent to:
Maura Murray (NCIC ID #M-88793945/ NHSP Case #: F04-1514)
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Ma. 01002
- Including but not limited to all files associated with UMASS e-mail account:
mmurr0@student.umass.edu or any other account obtained by Maura Murray
- Copy of hard drive of computer of Maura Murray


***All Information and Data Including but not Limited to:** – electronic and paper: pertaining to all police logs, areas searched, witness reports, any records with any affiliated law enforcement agency, and any information that pertains to Maura Murray.

Please inform me of any fees associated with this request.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption, which justifies your refusal to release the requested information. Please notify and explain to me in writing the appeal procedures available to me under any federal, state, and/or local law(s) that would enable me to obtain the above-requested information.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at the above address, at (781) 964-4628, or e-mail me at fmdad@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,


Frederick J. Murray

CC: vanin@stuaf.umass.edu (*Dean of Students/ Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*)
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October 19, 2005

Mr. Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker Street
Weymouth, MA 02188

Dear Mr. Murray:

I am in receipt of your request under the Freedom of Information Act in reference to:

- All reports and log files from February 9, 2004 to present pertaining to case number FO4-1514 (UMass Police Case number 04-1851);
- All files associated with UMass email account mmurr0@student.umass.edu or any other account obtained by Maura Murray, and
- Copy of hard drive of computer of Maura Murray.

After a careful review of the public logs from February 9, 2004 to present, I have been unable to find an entry regarding Maura Murray since your last request in July of 2004.

In reference to your second request for the files associated with UMass email account mmurr0@student.umass.edu and for a copy of hard drive of computer of Maura Murray, I am declining to release this information based on Public Records Law Exemption F - The Investigatory Exemption.

Again, I realize that this has been an extremely difficult time for you and your family. However, the University of Massachusetts Police at Amherst has fully cooperated with The New Hampshire State Police, the lead investigatory unit. Accordingly, under their direction, all information should be requested through them.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (413) 545-2125.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara O'Connor", written over a horizontal line.

Barbara O'Connor
Chief of Police

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KELLY A. AYOTTE
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MICHAEL A. DELANEY
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

October 24, 2005

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker Street
Weymouth, Massachusetts 02188

Re: Right-To-Know Requests: Maura Murray Investigation

Dear Mr. Murray:

Your letters requesting documents in connection with an open investigation have been forwarded to me. Our office will be responsible for coordinating a response to all the letters you've sent to New Hampshire agencies and individuals. Please note that since your letters were not directed to federal agencies, the response to your inquiry will be governed by New Hampshire law.


First, as to your request for documentation to the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Communications. That agency indicates that RSA 106-H:14 exempts them from the Right-To-Know law. In addition, they do not have any documents or records relating to your request. Therefore, there will be no documents or records provided to you from this agency.

Second, as to your requests to New Hampshire Fish and Game, Hanover Police Department, and the New Hampshire State Police (Colonel Booth, Captain Kelley, Lieutenant Scarinza, Trooper Monahan), we expect it to take at least thirty days from today's date to determine if your requests for documents will be granted or denied.

Last, since your request concerns an open and ongoing investigation by law enforcement agencies, it is likely your requests will be denied to safeguard the investigation. However, that determination will be made in approximately thirty days.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffery A. Strelzin
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Chief, Homicide Unit

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DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 15, 2005

Frederick J. Murray
22 Walker St.
Weymouth, Ma. 02188

Dear Mr. Murray:

I am writing in response to your October 10, 2005 letters making a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act of 5 USCA sec. 552 and RSA 91-A, for any records of case number F04-1514, pertaining to the investigation of the disappearance of your daughter, Maura Murray. The letters that I am responding to were sent to Troop F (2 requests), NHSP Major Crime Unit, Col. Booth, NH Fish and Game, NH Bureau of Emergency Communications, and Hanover Police Department (addressed to Hanover, Mass.).

Please take note that under the terms of 5 USCA sec. 552(f), and 5 USCA 551(1), state sovereigns are not covered by this federal statute. In other words, the Federal Freedom of Information Act does not apply to state agencies. Therefore, I have limited my review to the provisions of NHRSA 91-A.

To the extent that you believe federal agencies may have been involved in this investigation, you must make a request directly to that agency for your FOIA request. Additionally, we do not have the authority to respond requests you have made to Massachusetts authorities.

At present, all of the materials you have requested that pertain to your daughter's case are exempt from disclosure because they are investigatory files. However, you have requested materials that may be subject to disclosure: all motor vehicle accident reports reported to Hanover PD NHSP along Rt. 112 on February 9, 2004 in the Haverill/Woodsville area and the Swiftwater/Bath area; all radio dispatches and log files from 6PM on 2-09-04 to 6 PM on 2-10-04 from NH Fish and Game and Hanover PD. Please keep in mind that any materials that pertain to your daughter's case will be redacted from these materials, as will any other matter that

involves investigatory files for other cases. In other words, you may be entitled to have the materials that are covered by your request to the extent that they do not involve your daughter's case.

Given the nature of your request, it is not clear whether you want information that does not have anything to do with F04-1514. If you do, please let me know and I can make the materials, if they still exist, available to you. Our office charges a fee for copies of any materials provided under RSA 91-A and we would be able to let you know what the amount would be after you let me know if you are interested in the materials.

Sincerely,



David W. Ruoff
Assistant Attorney General
Homicide Unit
(603) 271-3671

cc: Jeffery Stelzin, Senior Assistant Attorney General
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