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Data Practices Responsible Authority
Rochester Police Department
101 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Via U.S. Post

Re: Data Practices Act request

Dear Responsible Authority,

I am making a request for access to public, government data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13. Through this request (the "Request") I am seeking copies of the following data maintained by your agency:

1. The closed investigative file pertaining to the death of Peter William Smith, an individual who died in Rochester, Minnesota on May 14, 2017.

A copy of Peter W. Smith's death certificate is attached in order to help you verify the identity of the subject of the Request.

Please consider this letter a formal request for the indefinite retention of the requested data, pending resolution or reclassification of its status.

Per Minnesota Statutes 13.03, Subd. 3(f), I am requesting that in the event that any portion of this request is not granted, that your department certify in writing that that portion of the request has been denied, and cite the specific statutory section, temporary classification, or other provision of law upon which the denial is based.

I am willing to pay all fees associated with the production of copies.

If you have questions regarding this request, I can be reached at 651-556-1381, or via U.S. post.

Sincerely,

/s/Matt Ehling
Public Record Media

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NUMBER 2017-MN-017008

DECEDENT PETER WILLIAM SMITH
 LAST NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIAGE
 ALSO KNOWN AS
 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
 SEX MALE
 BORN FEBRUARY 23, 1936
 PLACE OF BIRTH PORTLAND MAINE

DATE OF DEATH MAY 14, 2017
 PLACE OF DEATH ROCHESTER OLMSTED MINNESOTA

MARITAL STATUS MARRIED
 SPOUSE JANET SHARON
 LAST NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIAGE LANGENFELD
 RESIDENCE LAKE FOREST LAKE ILLINOIS
 PARENT HARRIET HAWKINS
 PARENT WALDO STERLING SMITH
 FUNERAL HOME ROCHESTER CREMATION SERVICES
 DISPOSITION CREMATION

CAUSE OF DEATH IMMEDIATE ASPHYXIATION DUE TO DISPLACEMENT OF OXYGEN IN CONFINED SPACE WITH HELIUM
 UNDERLYING

OTHER CONTRIBUTING CONDITIONS

MANNER SUICIDE
 MEDICAL CERTIFIER ROBERT REICHARD, M.E.
 200 1ST ST, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, 55905

THIS RECORD HAS NOT BEEN AMENDED

THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF DEATH REGISTERED IN THE MINNESOTA OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS.

MR&C Certificate ID 10778871



S22-002878330

FILED: MAY 16, 2017

Molly Mulcahy Crawford

Molly Mulcahy Crawford
 STATE REGISTRAR

ISSUED: AUGUST 10, 2017

MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH

THIS CERTIFICATE IS VALID ONLY WHEN PRINTED ON OFFICIAL WATERMARKED SECURITY PAPER WITH A SECURITY THREAD AND STATE SEAL OF MINNESOTA.

