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Re: Public Records Request Pursuant to Connecticut Freedom of Information Act–
(Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 *et seq.*) – State v. Richard Dabate –
homicide of Connie Dabate (Ellington, CT, December 23, 2015),
Judicial District of Tolland

Greetings:

As the Freedom of Information Act officer for the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice, your letter to the Office of the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Tolland, received by this office on July 30, 2026, has been forwarded to me for response. Pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (C.G.S. § 1-200 *et seq.*), your request seeks access to and copies of records from the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice "related to the investigation and prosecution of State v. Richard Dabate – homicide of Connie Dabate (Ellington, CT, December 23, 2015), Judicial District of Tolland (Conn. Supreme Court No. SC 20749)."

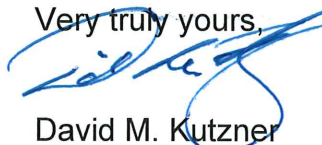
Specifically, you have requested:

1. Prosecution case file for State v. Richard Dabate (to the extent disclosable post-conviction)
2. Witness list and expert witness disclosures (including Fitbit/digital-forensics experts)
3. Exculpatory / Brady disclosures made to the defense
4. Exhibit list used at trial
5. Correspondence and memoranda re: the Fitbit and digital evidence (subject to work-product exemptions)

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Following review, your request is respectfully denied. The Division of Criminal Justice, comprised of the offices of the Chief State's Attorney, the Inspector General, and the State's Attorneys for the thirteen Judicial Districts, is specifically deemed not to be a public agency subject to the FOIA except in respect to its administrative functions. See C.G.S. § 1-201. The Connecticut Supreme Court has concluded that the phrase "administrative functions" as used in the FOIA consists of activities relating to "budget, personnel, facilities and physical operations." Clerk of the Superior Court v. Freedom of Information Commission, 278 Conn. 28, 36 (2006); see also Graeber v. Chief of Police, City of New Haven, et al., #FIC 2016-0865 (October 2, 2017). Review of your request reveals that the records you seek are *unrelated* to any of the Division's administrative functions, as that term is defined in Clerk of the Superior Court, and are, therefore, exempt from disclosure under the Act. Id. at 53.

Very truly yours,



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