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Mr. Wally Zimolong
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RE: Request for Records under the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law
Final Response

Dear Mr. Zimolong:

I am writing in response to your request for information from the Community College of Allegheny County ("CCAC" or the "College") under the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law ("RTKL") that was submitted via e-mail on July 17, 2024. Specifically, you requested:

- All student files, records, or documents for Thomas Michael Crooks.
- All records and communication related exchanged relating to Thomas Michael Crooks.
- All disciplinary records or complaints concerning Thomas Michael Crooks.
- All communication, emails, text messages, chat sessions, or other forms of written or electronic communication containing the name "Thomas Michael Crooks."

Please be advised that your request is denied on the basis that it requests records that relate to an ongoing criminal investigation, which are exempt from disclosure under Section 708(b)(16) of the RTKL. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(16). Specifically, the records that you have requested are within the scope of a grand jury subpoena issued to CCAC by the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and which the U.S. Attorney's Office has confirmed relate to an ongoing criminal investigation. In addition, the request is denied to the extent that it requests academic transcripts and examination materials which are also exempt from disclosure under the RTKL. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(15)(i)-(ii).

Please be further advised that you have a right to appeal this denial in writing to: Office of Open Records, 333 Market St., 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2234. Appeals can also be filed online at the Office of Open Records website, <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov>. If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of this response. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.1101. Please note that a copy of your original Right-to-Know request and this denial letter must be included when filing an appeal. More information about how to file an appeal under the RTKL is available at the Office of Open Records website, <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov>.

Please be further advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our agency as permitted by law. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Kelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Kelley
Assistant General Counsel
Open Records Office