

March 3, 2018

Michael Field

Chief of Police

cc' Shelley Merrill

Administrative Assistant

Bath Police Department

250 Water Street

Bath, Maine 04530

Chief Field:

Under the Maine Freedom of Access Act § 402 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that show communications between the Bath Police Department and Bath Iron Works concerning policing of protests at the Bath Iron Works shipyard from January 1, 2016 to present. This includes any emails, letters, meeting notes, or any other documents related planning, arrests, or communications following protest demonstrations.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$200. However, because the information is being sought for journalistic reporting, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the Bath Police Department's relationship with Bath Iron Works, which Superior Court Justice Daniel Billings pointed out as an area of concern in a recent court decision acquitting protestors charged for a demonstration at the Bath Iron Works shipyard in 2017. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

If you intend to deny this request, I will expect to hear from you within the five business days mandated by law. Also, if you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Alex Nunes