

## **Department of Health**

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## **VIA EMAIL ONLY**

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Mr. Andy Bostom abostom@cox.net

RE: ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

AP23-0319

Dear Mr. Bostom,

The Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") is in receipt of your new requests, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-2-1 et seq. (the "Access to Public Records Act"). Specifically, you are seeking the following additional information: "Is the separate examination of the by a cardiovascular pathologist also perhaps available in redacted form?" "In follow-up to my initial request, I am now requesting the full (but redacted from any personal identifiers) cardiovascular pathology report from the cardiovascular pathologist, as well as the toxicology report, the latter with particular attention to testing done to rule in/rule out specific etiologies of myocarditis, including infectious, autoimmune, chemical/toxic, as well as antibody testing (i.e., SARS-CoV-2 spike AND nucleocapsid antibodies, etc.), and PCR antigen testing germane to BOTH SARS-CoV-2 infection, and covid-19 vaccination, the latter with particular attention to covid-19 mRNA vaccination. I am also requesting any redacted clinical records in the possession of RIDOH/The Medical Examiner's Office which elaborate the decedents clinical history just prior to death, including known conditions/comorbidities treated (if any), and what RIDOH/The Medical Examiner's Office has in its possession regarding any confirmation of the timing of her covid-19 vaccine administration, given the independent data in VAERS report 2375029-1, which I have attached, yet again."

RIDOH has determined that the records you have requested are not subject to disclosure because doing so would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, triggering the protections of R. I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(A)(I)(b). No portion of the document(s) or record(s) that you have requested would contain reasonably segregable information that is releasable to ensure that the documentation alone or in combination with other information received may identify the individual who is the subject of the information.



R. I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-8 requires we give you notice of your right to appeal this decision to the Interim Director of Health, Dr. Utpala Bandy, Attention Legal Division, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. You may also wish to file an objection or complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903, or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the record(s) are maintained.

Further information concerning the APRA may be available through the Attorney General's website at <a href="www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>. Thank you for your interest in keeping government open and accountable to the public.

