

MASSACHUSETTS PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

The POST Commission ("Commission") is authorized by law, and in some instances required by law, to withhold certain information from materials released to the public. Accordingly, these hearing recordings have been redacted pursuant to various exemptions of the Massachusetts Public Records Law, including exemptions protecting certain personal contact and identifying information, information regarding harassment prevention orders, materials regarding ongoing policymaking, investigatory materials, and other private and sensitive personal information. Certain information has also been redacted pursuant to applicable protective orders in connection with these proceedings.

In applying M.G.L. c. 214, § 1B, the Commission takes into account that the Legislature has enacted multiple provisions concerning the privacy of information related to victims.¹

In addition, the Commission observes that the Massachusetts Fair Information Practices Act imposes restrictions on the disclosure of information that is not a public record and constitutes "personal data," as that term is defined therein.²

The Commission reserves the right to appropriately withhold or redact additional forms of information should the need to do so become apparent.

Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any rights, privileges, protections, immunities, claims, or defenses that may be available to the Commission, all of which are expressly preserved.

¹ <u>See</u> M.G.L. c. 9A, § 6; M.G.L. c. 41, § 97D; M.G.L. c. 41, § 98F; M.G.L. c. 51, § 4(d); M.G.L. c. 66, 10B; M.G.L. c. 209A, § 8; M.G.L. c. 233, § 20L; M.G.L. c. 258B, § 3(h), (w); M.G.L. c. 265, § 24C.

² M.G.L. c. 66A, §§ 1-3; <u>see also</u> 801 CMR 3.00; 555 CMR 8.00.