

## POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF KAUAI

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Jennifer Z. Brooks, Esq. Staff Attorney Office of Information Practices No. 1 Capitol District Building 250 South Hotel Street, Suite 107 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to Personal Records (U Appeal 18-18)

Dear Ms. Brooks:

On behalf of Chief Darryl Perry, who is currently unavailable, I am responding to your March 22, 2018 letter.

(1) Concise Statement of the Factual Background

Richard Spacer is a nudist who frequents Larsen's Beach on Kauai. Mr. Spacer and his fellow nudists have gotten into confrontations with other beachgoers.

- (2) List of Records Withheld
  - 1. KPD Report Number 2016-01963
  - 2. KPD Report Number 17-18535
- (3) Explanation of KPD's Position
  - 1. KPD Report Number 2016-01963 is being withheld because it contains information identifiable as part of an investigation into a possible violation of criminal law, and the disclosure to Mr. Spacer is not necessary to prosecute the violation or continue the investigation. As such, disclosure of the report would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy because, aside from Mr. Spacer, the public does not have an interest in the report, HRS §§ 92F-13(1), and 92F-14(a) and (b)(2).

- 2. KPD Report Number 17-18535 is being withheld because it is still a pending case and by its nature, must be confidential in order to avoid the frustration of an ongoing police investigation. Although no charging decision has been made, the report pertains to the prosecution of a criminal case to which the County, by way of its Prosecuting Attorney, may become a party, HRS §§ 92F-13(2) and (3).
- 3. KPD does not have the other records requested by Mr. Spacer.
- (4) Employee Authorized to Respond and Make Representations on Behalf of KPD:

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Pursuant to your instruction, I am enclosing unaltered copies of the above-referenced reports. If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Morimoto.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Chief of Police