

IN RE:
BRPD FILE # 20-225
RECORDS IN THE POSSESSION OF
CHIEF MURPHY J. PAUL, JR.

SUIT NO. _____ SEC. “__”
JUVENILE COURT
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

**PETITION TO DISCLOSE PORTION OF RECORDS CONCENRING A MATTER
BEFORE JUVENILE COURT PURSUANT TO LA CH.C. ART 412
WITH RULE TO SHOW CAUSE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge on behalf of the Baton Rouge Police Department, though undersigned counsel, with respect, represents the following:

1.

Chief Murphy J. Paul, Jr. requests an Order of the Court giving the Baton Rouge Police Department the authority to release body camera and videos from BRPD incident report file number 21-225 depicting the incident which will be provided for an in camera review to the Court.

2.

Edited BRPD body camera footage of the juvenile’s arrest in the above referenced case has allegedly been publicly released by attorney Thomas Frampton, as shown by the attached press release issued May 25, 2021, by Frampton, attached hereto Exhibit A, and screenshot from Instagram https://www.instagram.com/tv/CPYXHP3HY8X/?utm_medium=copy_link attached as Exhibit B, and so disseminated the footage on media platforms without a court order in violation of Louisiana Children’s Code Article 412(A).

3.

The BRPD body camera footage has been edited to depict an improper strip search of a juvenile arrestee.

4.

A review of BRPD body camera video footage of the incident in its entirety demonstrates the reasons behind the officer’s actions and that edited released footage fails to depict the certain actions of the arrestees and officers.

4.

Since the release of the edited body camera footage, the City of Baton Rouge has received an substantial amount of negative correspondence from the public.

5.

In an effort to reduce the potential for civil unrest, Chief Murphy J. Paul desires to publicly release portions of the following body camera and/or in car camera video footage:

- (1) Redacted version Axon Body 2 Serial: X81156595, Case# 225-20, January 1, 2020 at 4:24pm from 0:00 to 01:21:40 - labelled 20-225R Redacted Clip Axon Body 2 Video 2020-01-01 1624 from 00:00 – 02:30
- (2) Redacted version of Axon Body 2 Serial: X81155112, Case# 225-20, January 1, 2020 at 4:38pm from 00:00 to 18:33 – labelled (Extraction 1.2) 20-225 (Clip1 1) Axon Body 2 Video 2020 01-01 1638 from 00:00 to 00:35

6.

The release of these videos will assist in accurately explaining the events that led up to and transpired during the arrest.

7.

The aforementioned body camera and/or in car camera video footage that will be publicly released will be redacted to protect the identity of the juvenile arrestee.

8.

In addition, the City/Parish seeks Rule to Show cause why attorney Thomas Frampton (La. Bar Roll 35775) should not be held in contempt pursuant to Louisiana Children’s Code art. 1509 for the public release of the videos prior to seeking authorization with this Court under Louisiana Children’s Code art 412.

WHEREFORE, the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge on behalf of the Baton Rouge Police Department respectfully requests the Court to order to disclose: to the public pursuant to Louisiana Children’s Code Article 412.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 28th day of May, 2021.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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