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Celia B. Liss, Esquire  
Open Records Officer  
City of Pittsburgh  
Department of Open Records  
313 City County Building  
414 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

In re: Open Records Appeal; Liberty Bridge fire photographs

Dear Attorney Lane and Open Records Officer Liss:

As you know, on September 11, 2018, I requested that the City of Pittsburgh submit an affidavit from an appropriate individual attesting to the fact that the requested items were gathered as part of a criminal investigation and are thus covered by the claimed criminal investigative exemption, 65 P.S. §67.708(b)(16). I have received an affidavit from Deputy Police Chief Thomas Stangrecki attesting that the photographs were taken as part of a criminal investigation (see attachment). I must therefore deny the request for access. Please be advised that pursuant to Section 1302 the parties have 30 days to appeal my decision to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

Very truly yours,

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Michael W. Streily  
Deputy District Attorney  
Open Records Appeals Office