

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

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Mailing Date: August 22, 2018

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## PSP/RTKL Request Nº 2018-0738

#### Dear Ms. Fassett:

On August 15, 2018, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) received your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 - 3104, wherein you requested:

I hereby request the following records:

- Copies of all agency emails containing the non-case sensitive terms "Qanon", "Q anon", "The Great Awakening", "Q Clearance Patriot". Please include the complete email exchange for each email, including any emails that are being replied to as well as any subsequent replies.
- 2. Copes of all reports, briefs, advisories, and/or memoranda related to "Qanon".

This includes, but is not limited to, any records about Forrest Clark, the man accused of starting a wildfire in Southern California, that also mention Qanon. (<a href="https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/08/09/holy-fire-suspect-refuses-court-orange-county/">https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/08/09/holy-fire-suspect-refuses-court-orange-county/</a>).

This could also include any reports about Jeffrey Boyd, charged with allegedly making threats against Donald Trump and who also made references to Qanon prior to his arrest (https://www.thedailybeast.com/qanon-referenced-by-man-arrested-for-threatening-to-kill-trump).

This could also include any records relating to two incidents of arrests in Arizona related to Qanon-Matthew Phillip Wright (parked his self-made

armored car on the bridge next to the Hoover Dam) and Michael Lewis Arthur Meyer (occupied a cement plant). Both men were followers of the conspiracy theory.

https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/208/08/07/qanon-ties-two-arizona-arrest-conspiracy-theory-trum/920336002/

Qanon refers to a conspiracy theory centered on Q, an online handle used on several image boards by a presumably American pseudonymous individual or group of individuals claiming to have access to classified information involving the Trump administration and its opponents in the United States.

Under the RTKL, a written response to your request is due on or before August 22, 2018.

Under the provisions RTKL section § 67.902(b)(2), you are hereby notified that your request is being reviewed and the PSP will require up to an additional 30 days, i.e., until September 21, 2018, in which to respond to your request. Should your request be granted, the total for the estimated or actual fees owed, if any, will be included in our subsequent response. The reason for requiring additional time for a final response is checked below:

- Compliance with your request may require the redaction of certain information that is not subject to access under RTKL.
- Your request requires retrieval of one or more records that are stored at a remote location.
- A response by the mailing date of this letter could not be accomplished due to bona fide staffing limitations. In particular, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your request is under legal review, which is necessary to determine whether a requested record is a "public record" for purposes of the RTKL.
- Your compliance with the following agency policies is required for access to the record(s):
- You must pay the applicable fees authorized by the RTKL.

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X The extent or nature of the request precludes a response within the required time period.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Rozier, J.D.

Agency Open Records Officer

Pennsylvania State Police

Bureau of Records and Identification

Right-to-Know Law/Subpoena Section

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Enclosure: Request 2018-0738

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From:

59497-17917449@requests.muckrock.com Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:20 AM

Sent: To:

SP, PSP RIGHT TO KNOW

**Subject:** 

Pennsylvania Right to Know Act Request: Qanon (Pennsylvania State Police)

Attachments:

PA\_Right\_to\_Know\_Request\_\_Form.pdf

Pennsylvania State Police RTK Office 1800 Elmerton Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17110

August 15, 2018

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RIGHT-TO-KHOW LAW OFFICE SUBPOENA UNIT

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The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

#### **Camille Fassett**

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Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/accounts/agency\_login/pennsylvania-state-police-435/qanon-pennsylvania-state-police-59497/?email=RA-psprighttoknow%40pa.gov&uuid-login=adcb89ce-6320-485d-9b84-6ef1e22b87ad#agency-reply

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For mailed responses, please address (see note): MuckRock News DEPT MR 59497 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

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