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Commissioner Bradford,

I write to you to express my disappointment with the level of service, transparency and regard for Connecticut State Statutes exhibited by the DESPP and the Town of Redding Police Department (my "issuing authority," copied herein). I ask that you personally inquire about the following issue.

Having made lawful and complete application for a Connecticut State Pistol Permit on **January 24, 2013**, the following sequence of events and violations of the Connecticut General Statutes then occurred:

1. The issuing authority's failure to timely forward my application to the SPBI within five (5) business days of receipt. In violation of CGS §29-29(b). My application was received by DESPP on **February 6, 2013** and forwarded to the Fingerprint Unit on **February 7, 2013**, a two week delay.
2. DESPP's failure to timely forward a request for a national criminal history check by the FBI's CJIS, pursuant to C.G.S. 29-17a. After a four (4) week delay, the FBI finally received DESPP's national criminal history request on **March 4, 2013** and responded the same day.
3. DESPP's failure to timely forward a copy of the results of the national criminal history check to my issuing authority "**upon receipt**" pursuant to C.G.S. 29-29(c). Tomorrow will mark **four (4) weeks** since receipt of the FBI check. Presumably, DESPP and my issuing authority are aware of 29-29(c)'s seven (7) day decision period after my issuing authority's receipt of a copy of my national criminal history check.
4. Throughout this process, I have been told differing stories, by individuals under your command, regarding the status of my application including:
 - That the Fingerprint Unit is backlogged and would not be able to meet the statutory eight (8) week limit, which expired on **March 25, 2013** (Fingerprint Unit Receptionist, **February 2013**)
 - That no information could be released to me about my application because I am not calling as an issuing authority (DESPP Employee [REDACTED], **February 28, 2013**)
 - That my application was in the pile to be processed (Fingerprint Unit Employee [REDACTED] **March 18, 2013**). I will note that Mr. [REDACTED] responsiveness, since before applying, has been exemplary when personally and directly contacted. His efforts should be commended.

As of today's date, my issuing authority has failed to notify me of the approval or denial of my application, as required by C.G.S. 29-28a(b). They have merely indicated that they have inquired of DESPP about a batch of applications. No response from DESPP has been communicated to me.

To my knowledge, DESPP has failed to timely forward the results of my national criminal background check to my issuing authority, pursuant to C.G.S. 29-29(c), causing a delay in my issuing authority's ability to timely notify me of their decision.

The internal delays on the part of DESPP and my issuing authority have resulted in my application needlessly being delayed beyond the statutory eight (8) week period. By statute, I was entitled to DESPP's forwarding of a copy of my national criminal history check to my issuing authority on or about March 4, 2013 after which my issuing authority would have been required to approve or deny my application on or about March 18, 2013, in order to comply with State law.

At no time was I asked to provide additional or clarifying information regarding the *contents* of my application. In fact, in response to unlawful pre-application demand by my issuing authority, I provided three (3) character references in an effort to allow my issuing authority to better evaluate my application.

See Board of Firearms Permit Examiners Declaratory Ruling of January 14, 2010. By telephone, I was informed by my issuing authority (P.O. Ryan Alcott, copied herein) that all provided satisfactory responses in telephone interviews he conducted. Same was communicated to me by my references.

I have made reasonable accommodations of time, and content, in this process and I have received nothing in return but delay tactics.

As a citizen with no criminal history or disqualifiers, a Commissioner of the Superior Courts of the State of Connecticut, admitted to and in good standing with the Bar of this State and as a practicing attorney and resident of the State of Connecticut, I respectfully ask that you *personally* inquire as to the status of my application and encourage the units under your command to comply with the Connecticut General Statutes.

If you require personal identifying information for the purpose of making the requested inquiry, or if you have any additional concerns, please feel free to contact me by the below means.

Respectfully,
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