

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.  
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Waynesville, NC 28786  
August 3, 2022

**Subject:** Request for Public Information - Email dialog with Eddie Ward, Clerk, Town of Waynesville.

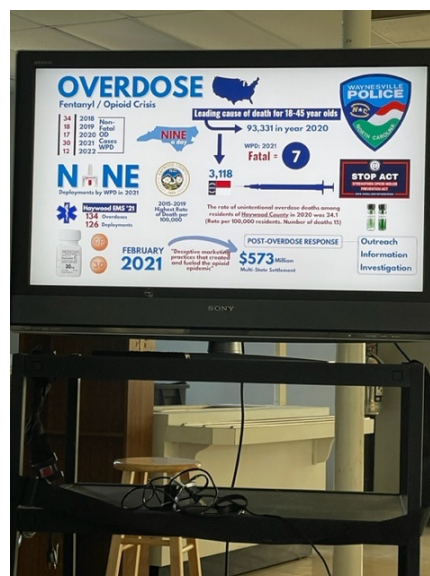
This should have been a simple Request for Public Information from the Town of Waynesville. Compliance should have been a no brainer.

But no. They could have done this right the first time. You know, when I get a bunch of static when I make a simple Request for Public Information, Red Flags go up, and it gets interesting from there. Usually, it is at the expense of someone who will eventually be going down.

I requested a couple of simple things:

- During the last Waynesville Aldermen meeting, the Waynesville Police Department was asked to give a second “report”. A slide presentation was given by Brandon Gilmore, which was already loaded onto the City’s computer / slide projection system. Upon reflection, this was a set up. It appeared to be impromptu, but this was all staged. I went up to Eddie Ward during the recess at that meeting, and requested that slide presentation. She already had it!
- I subsequently confirmed that request in writing, and also requested the copy of the audio recording from that meeting.
- I amended by request by additionally requesting the slide presentation given by Tyler Trantham -

The Waynesville Police Department also held a Community Meeting, that was held at 6:00 PM at 112 Virginia Ave., Waynesville, NC on 6/2/2022. During that meeting, Lt. Tyler Trantham, Chief Adams, and Assistant Chief Gilmore gave a slide show presentation. The primary slide is shown here. They informed us that Haywood County’s Property Crime Rate has increased dramatically over the last 5 years and that Haywood County has been #1 in Opioid deaths per capita in NC for the 7 years in a row. They also informed us that it’s their belief that harm reduction, needle exchange, and pre-trial release programs were the biggest contributing factors to these statistics.



It has been reported that Tyler Trantham will be leaving the Waynesville Police Department - no details provided.

Concerned Citizens have been digging into crime rates in Sleepy Little Waynesville, and discovered that Waynesville is not the place to live if you are concerned about Opioid deaths, robberies, etc., etc...

Consider this independent crime statistic website.

<https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/nc/waynesville/crime>

Waynesville's CRIME INDEX is the worst in North Carolina....CRIME INDEX SCALE is 100-1 (100- the SAFEST / 1- the most UNSAFE)

- 1 Waynesville
- 1 Asheville
- 2 Canton
- 2 Sylva
- 3 Maggie Valley
- 4 Durham
- 5 Atlanta GA
- 5 Hendersonville
- 5 Greensboro
- 6 Hickory
- 6 Fayetteville
- 7 Charlotte
- 20 Raleigh
- 68 Winston Salem

Waynesville's PROPERTY CRIME RATE (Per 1000 Residents) is the worst in North Carolina....

Waynesville	74.75
Canton	59.93
Asheville	57.22
Sylva	52.75
Maggie Valley	47.42
Hendersonville	42.15
Hickory	39.48
Durham	38.94
Atlanta GA	37.37
Greensboro	36.38
Fayetteville	34.61
Charlotte	33.66
Raleigh	21.34
Winston Salem	6.5

WTF?

You would have no clue about this if you were to listen to the Waynesville Police Department or the Town of Waynesville Aldermen, excepting the two slide presentations from Tyler Trantham and Brandon Gilmore, which apparently they have on lock down.

It's time to take another look at the email dialog with David Adams, Waynesville Police Chief.

[Email Dialog with David Adams, Waynesville Chief of Police, re: Request for Press Release Information. 7/29/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220729DialogDavidAdams.pdf>

It is interesting to note that there have been no new "News Releases" on the Waynesville Police Department facebook page since I have requested all "Press Releases" from their department. Last "News Release" was July 21 at 10:36 AM, which is one of the presentation slides from Brandon Gilmore's presentation.

Who is responsible for putting Town of Waynesville's recordings of Aldermen Meetings on some cloud?

**Jesse Fowler.**

Haywood County streams their meetings, and video's are posted on the county website. Yet it is like pulling teeth to extract the recording of the last Aldermen Meeting from **Jesse Fowler**, something that should automatically be put on the city's website anyway.

Who has their thumb on withholding the slide presentations? Not for sure, yet.

So, with that backdrop, here are the email requests going through Eddie Ward (who is not in bold, yet).

It's been a week, and at this point, I have received ... Nothing.

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Haywood County Taxpayer

Subject: Request for Public Information  
Date: Tue, 26 Jul 2022 21:33:41 -0400  
From: Monroe Miller  
To: Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>  
CC: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

Ms. Ward,

In addition to requesting the power point slide show presented at this evenings Aldermen meeting by Brandon Gilmore, I would also like to request the audio recording of tonight's meeting.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

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Subject: Re: Request for Public Information  
Date: Wed, 27 Jul 2022 21:29:52 -0400  
From: Monroe Miller  
To: Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>  
CC: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

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Subject: RE: Request for Public Information  
Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2022 12:48:11 +0000  
From: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>  
To: Monroe Miller, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>  
CC: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

Your request has been received.

Thank you,

Jesse

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Amended

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2022 13:31:14 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

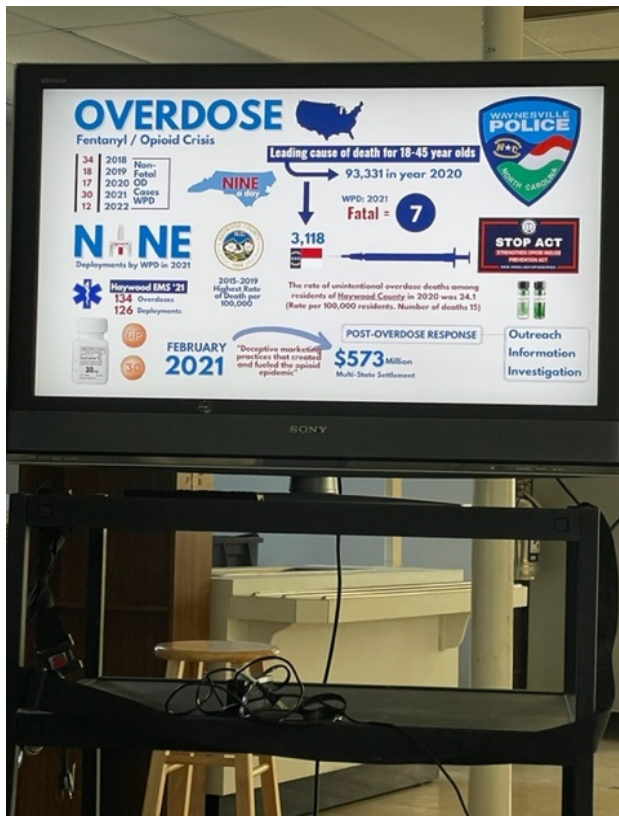
To: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>

Ms. Ward,

I would like to amend my request for Public Information, first asked upon you at the recess of the last Board of Aldermen Meeting, and secondly in writing, along with the audio recording of that meeting.

The Waynesville Police Department held a Community Meeting, that was held at 6:00 PM at 112 Virginia Ave., Waynesville, NC on 6/2/2022. During that meeting, Tyler Trantham gave a slide show presentation. In included several slides, as the one shown here -



At the end of the meeting, I verbally requested the power point presentation from Tyler Trantham, who wrote my email address down on the palm of his hand. I never received that presentation.

So, in addition to the presentation by Brandon Gilmore at the last Aldermen Meeting, I am also requesting the original presentation at the public Police Community Meeting on 6/2/2022.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Amended, #3.  
Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2022 21:33:48 -0400  
From: Monroe Miller  
To: Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>  
CC: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>

Ms. Ward,

I realize that you have ten (10) days to respond to my request, but things are happening kind of rapidly, and would appreciate receiving the requested items before the ten (10) days. In the meanwhile, please take a look at relevant material I have posted on my website, [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net) regarding the requested public information.

[Email Dialog with David Adams, Waynesville Chief of Police, re: Request for Press Release Information. 7/29/2022...](#)

[Email Dialog with Dumb-as-a-Brick reporter for the Mountaineer, Becky Johnson - "News the Public Will Never Know"! 7/26/2022. 7/29/2022...](#)

[Shoot-Out at the O.K. Corral, a.k.a. Public Comments at Waynesville Aldermen Meeting, 7/26/2022. 7/27/2022...](#)

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

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