



CITY OF MANTECA

POLICE DEPARTMENT
SERVICES DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

FR: POLICE RECORDS SUPERVISOR RICHARD SALSEDO #5566

DT: 4/23/2026

RE: PRA 2026-163 REQUEST FOR RECORDS PERTAINING TO INCIDENT

In response to the public records request for the following:

"To the Custodian of Records:

Dismal Freedom Press, an independent investigative newsroom published under Rooted Creative Group LLC and operating in the public interest across California's Central Valley, hereby submits the following request under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code §§ 7920.000 et seq.) for records related to an alleged use of force and in-custody death involving Manteca Police Department personnel.

Records Requested:

1.
 - a. All use-of-force reports, incident reports, and supplemental narratives documenting any taser or electronic control device deployment by Manteca Police Department personnel between **April 15, 2026 and April 21, 2026**, involving a subject identified as or believed to be **Roy** [last name unknown to requestor at time of filing], described as an older Filipino male with a residence in Manteca, CA.
 - b. All records related to any in-custody death or death of a person following contact with Manteca PD personnel during the same date range, including but not limited to: incident reports, use-of-force documentation, supervisor notifications, and any notifications made to the California Department of Justice pursuant to Penal Code § 12525.2.
 - c. All body-worn camera footage and any other audio or video recordings documenting the incident described in items 1 and 2 above. Pursuant to Penal Code § 832.7(b)(1)(A), records relating to use of force resulting in death are subject to mandatory disclosure and are not subject to withholding under any catchall exemption.



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- d. Any press releases, public statements, or internal communications prepared for public release concerning the incident described above.
- e. Any notifications made to the San Joaquin County Coroner or Medical Examiner in connection with the incident described above.

Fee Waiver — Government Code § 7922.525:

Dismal Freedom Press is a news organization within the meaning of Gov. Code § 7922.525 and hereby requests a full waiver of any duplication or production fees. The requested records are sought in connection with active investigative reporting on a matter of significant public concern — specifically, the circumstances of an alleged in-custody death following law enforcement use of an electronic control device. Disclosure directly serves the public interest in transparency and accountability in law enforcement. We invoke § 7922.525 by name. If any fee is contemplated, please provide written notice prior to production so that we may respond.

Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury (Gov. Code § 7922.525(b)):

I, Torie Cortez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that Dismal Freedom Press is a news organization as described in Gov. Code § 7922.525, engaged in the active gathering and dissemination of news to the public, and that the records requested herein are sought for news-gathering purposes in the public interest and not for commercial use.

Response Deadline:

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 7922.535, we request a written response within **ten (10) calendar days**. Given the nature of this matter — an alleged in-custody death — we further request expedited processing. If any extension is required, please notify us in writing within the statutory period with the specific basis and estimated production date.

Please direct all correspondence and production to:

Dismal Freedom Press — Investigations Desk

249 Commerce Ave #1042

Manteca, CA 95336

newsroom@dismalfreedompress.org.”



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On April 21, 2026, the City of Manteca (“City”) received your request for, records pertaining to an alleged use of force and in-custody death involving Manteca Police Department personnel between April 15, 2026, and April 21, 2026. After a thorough review of Department records, the City has determined that no use of force incident, taser, or electronic control device deployment, or in-custody death involving a subject matching the description provided occurred during the specified date range. Accordingly, no responsive records exist for items 1, 2, or 5 of your request, because the underlying incident described in your request did not occur. Body-worn camera footage does exist from officer contact with an individual during the relevant period (item 3); however, because no use of force occurred and this contact does not constitute a critical incident as defined under Government Code section 7923.600, the footage is withheld pursuant to Government Code section 7923.625. This withholding decision was made by Police Records Supervisor Richard Salsedo and Chief of Police Stephen Schluer pursuant to Government Code section 7922.540, in consultation with the City Attorney’s Office. A responsive record for item 4 is enclosed. Your request for a fee waiver under Government Code section 7922.525; no fees are being assessed as no records are being produced beyond item 4, which is provided at no charge.

City staff will now consider your request closed. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Have a great day!