



F08-05-MS Relative of Murder Victim Seeks 50-Year-Old Records of Police Interviews

A man asked a police department for records related to the murder more than 50 years ago of an extended family member, which the police had solved within months of the killing.

The police department denied access to all of the records under section 22(3)(b) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, which provides that if personal information was compiled as part of an investigation into a possible violation of law, its release is presumed to be an unreasonable invasion of privacy.

After reviewing the records and discussing them in general with the applicant, we determined that he was only interested in any interviews that police might have conducted with family members or co-workers of the victim, as well as interviews with the murderer. We discussed the narrowed request with the department, and it then released several records of this type after reconsidering the age of the file, the relatively low sensitivity of the information in the interviews and the fact that most if not all of the people involved had likely died long ago. The applicant was satisfied with this resolution to the matter.