



VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY  
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Approved  
Edward Silva, Village Manager  
Date

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

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DATE: 1-28-19

NAME: Lance Olmsted

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REQUEST (Attach additional page, if necessary): Copies of the following documents:

\* Please see attached email for a description of Request.

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## Melissa Dodge

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**From:** Missy Arocha  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** Melissa Dodge  
**Subject:** FW: Recent violent crime reads like a Hollywood script

Please log, acknowledge, and process.

Respectfully,

*Missy Arocha*

Village Clerk  
**Village of Palmetto Bay**  
9705 East Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157  
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**From:** Edward Silva <[esilva@palmettobay-fl.gov](mailto:esilva@palmettobay-fl.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 12:50 PM  
**To:** Lance Olmsted <[lanceolmsted@yahoo.com](mailto:lanceolmsted@yahoo.com)>  
**Cc:** Missy Arocha <[marocha@palmettobay-fl.gov](mailto:marocha@palmettobay-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Recent violent crime reads like a Hollywood script

Please contact my office on your request

Missy treat this as a public records request for the stats from Pinecrest, Cutler Bay and Homestead.

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**From:** Lance Olmsted <[lanceolmsted@yahoo.com](mailto:lanceolmsted@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Edward Silva <[esilva@palmettobay-fl.gov](mailto:esilva@palmettobay-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Recent violent crime reads like a Hollywood script

Hi Ed,

I'm writing to follow-up on my previous email sent in December to see if you've had a chance to meet with your team after the recent safety meeting hosted by your Chief of Police.

While that meeting was interesting, broadly speaking, I didn't feel it addressed the underlying issue on everyone's mind at the moment: what is the village doing to curb the recent spike in aggravated battery/vehicle theft incidents. It was quite interesting that as the Major was comparing the Village of Palmetto Bay crime trends to West Perrine. Do you think a more accurate stats comparison would include Pinecrest, Cutler Bay and maybe even Homestead?

Looking forward to your response.

Cheers,

Lance Olmsted  
513-473-7970

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Lance Olmsted <lanceolmsted@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "esilva@palmettobay-fl.gov" <esilva@palmettobay-fl.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 24, 2018, 3:29:12 PM EST  
**Subject:** Recent violent crime reads like a Hollywood script

Hello,

I sent the following message to our new mayor and feel you should have visibility too:

Hi Mayor — my name is Lance. I live in Palmetto Bay at 7601 SW 165th Terrace. Congratulations on becoming our new Mayor.

My wife Maria and I are quite concerned about the recent spate of violent car jackings in the area.

As a USMC combat veteran, I understand and appreciate the recent court ruling that stipulates police aren't responsible for our safety. As such, I encourage everyone I meet to obtain a Concealed Firearm License and attend proper training.

I'm sure you're receiving a deluge of emails and calls on the matter and I'll probably attend an upcoming council meeting to discuss police activities.

My informal recommendations to you:

1. Support Concealed Firearm License measures
2. Police should support CFL training
3. Educate public on importance of alarms and cameras
4. Increase police patrol activity
5. Launch a bait car program
6. Encourage maximum sentences for convicted criminals

Sorry for the long text. Please let me know how I can help the city raise awareness around these issues.

Merry Christmas,

Lance Olmsted  
513-805-9184

My understanding is that you have direct oversight and management of the police department. From my limited perspective at the moment, I think the Palmetto Bay police patrol activity is inadequate. For context, I travel all over the United States each year for work and believe anecdotally that I see more police activity in virtually every other city I go to. In your opinion, do you have enough budget to effectively police Palmetto Bay?

Cheers,