



**CASE  
CLOSED**

Date: 1-13-2020

**Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust**  
**Investigative Report**

**Investigator:** Sylvia Batista  
**Complainant:** Rodrigo Lequerica  
**Date Opened:** 11/21/19  
**Date Submitted:** 12/11/19

**Case No. PI19-46**  
**Subject/**  
**Case Name: Chantal Victor,**  
**Marina Manager**  
**Crandon Park Marina**

**Allegation(s):**

The COE received information from Rodrigo Lequerica (Lequerica), a patron of the Crandon Park Marina (the Marina), regarding an issue he was experiencing with Chantal Victor (Victor), Manager of the Marina.

On November 19, 2019, Lequerica submitted a public records request to the Marina requesting copies of any and all reports and communications between Miami-Dade County, the U.S. Coast Guard, and National Response Center in connection with a recent fuel spill at the Marina.

Lequerica advised that he was denied “instant access” to the information even when the records were ready and sitting on top of the front desk at the Marina.

The COE initiated a review of Lequerica’s allegations.

**Relevant Laws:**

**Citizens Bill of Rights (A)3. Public Records.** All audits, reports, minutes, documents and other public records of the County and the municipalities and their boards, agencies, departments and authorities shall be open for inspection at reasonable times and places convenient to the public.

**Review:**

11/19/19 – E-mail from Lequerica to Chantal Victor, Manager of the Marina, requesting access to the reports on the recent fuel spill at the Marina and requesting copies of all written and verbal communications regarding the fuel spill between functionaries of the County, U.S. Coast Guard and National Response Center. Lequerica requests that the responsive documents be made available to him by the following day.

11/19/19 – E-mail from Victor to Lequerica in response to the latter’s public records request advising that the request be re-submitted through the Miami-Dade County portal.

11/19/19 – E-mail from Lequerica to David Livingstone and Maria Nardi of the Miami Dade Parks and Recreation Department (MDPR) re-submitting his public records request through the County portal.

11/26/19 – E-mail to Lequerica from the COE advising him that the requested public records are ready to be picked-up or reviewed at Robert Carmona’s office at the Crandon Park Marina.

**Interviews:**

**11/26/19 – Robert McQueeney, Marina Manager 2.**

In a telephone conversation with Robert McQueeney, McQueeney informed that Lequerica was advised on 11/24/19 by Robert Carmona, the Crandon Park Manager, that the requested public records are available for pick-up or review at his office and that he needs to coordinate the document pick-up or review with the park manager, Robert Carmona.

12/20/19 – E-mail from Robert Carmona advising that Lequerica picked-up the requested records as planned but noted that one communication was missing. Mr. Carmona said they are locating it to fulfill the request completely.

**Conclusion:**

After discussion with the Ethics Advocate it was determined that there is no violation of the Citizens’ Bill of Rights identified in this case, wherefore, this matter is closed with no further action.

  
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Sylyja Batista, COE Investigator

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Michael Murawski, Advocate

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Jose Arrojo, Executive Director

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