

Police Chief Shirlene Anderson
327 E. Pascagoula St
Jackson, MS 39201

January 5, 2006

Dear Chief Anderson:

The Jackson Free Press has filed an information request with the City of Jackson for the release of documents regarding your employment history and qualifications. These requests have been denied by the City of Jackson's Legal Department on the basis of the personnel exemption in Miss. Ann. Section 25-1-100 of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. In a letter dated Dec. 12, 2005, the Legal Department wrote: "Shirlene Anderson's resume and other materials related to her hiring process are exempt from the Public Records Act and can not be granted unless she consents in writing." (Enclosed with this letter.)

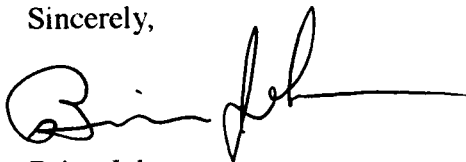
Accordingly, we request your consent in writing for the release of your resume. We also request your educational background, if it is not reflected on your resume. We also request your full employment history, if it is not represented on your resume.

We believe this information is vital to the readers of the JFP and to the citizens of Jackson. It appears that you have a sound reputation for integrity and a lengthy record of public service. However, the public needs to know as much as possible about the person who holds such a vital position of power. The Jackson Police Department protects our families, our homes and our businesses. We respect your privacy and have no interest in intruding into your private life. Yet we do believe that, as citizens, we have a right to the general information requested here. We also believe that the release of this information can only enhance your relationship with the people of Jackson.

If you have not responded within 14 working days, we will consider such non-response a refusal to provide written consent.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brian Johnson
Assistant Editor