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FOIA 25-133 — Response Letter, July 17, 2025

Delta County Prosecutor's Office response denying the request as framed and attaching a previously created annual summary.

From: Delta County Prosecutor's Office, 310 Ludington Street, Suite 237, Escanaba, Michigan 49829
To: `REQUESTER NAME AND ADDRESS REDACTED`
Date: July 17, 2025
Re: FOIA Request #25-133

Dear `REQUESTER`:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated June 26, 2025, and received by this office on June 27, 2025.

You have requested the total number of felony and misdemeanor charges authorized by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for each individual month of calendar year 2024, January through December.

Your request, as submitted, asks this office to produce a monthly summary of charge authorizations for calendar year 2024. A "monthly summary" as requested does not exist. See the attached certificate of nonexistence.

A summary of the total "screening decision for referrals between 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024" that was previously created is attached in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office by writing to the FOIA Coordinator at the address above and using the word "appeal" in your correspondence. You may also seek judicial review of this decision in the appropriate circuit court. If you prevail in an action in circuit court, the court may award you reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements, and may impose a civil fine of $1,000 against the public body for arbitrary and capricious conduct, in addition to other damages allowed by MCL 15.240(7).

Sincerely,

Lauren M. Wickman
Delta County Prosecuting Attorney

Note on this public copy. This is a faithful transcription of the county's July 17, 2025 response letter. Two things are worth noticing in the text itself. First, the office states that the requested monthly summary "does not exist" and attaches a certificate of nonexistence — and then, in the very next paragraph, states that a summary "that was previously created is attached in response to your request." A document was in fact produced with the denial. Second, the document produced is an annual table, not a monthly one, and it counts *referrals* rather than *charges authorized*. Both points are analyzed on the FOIA 25-133 page.