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Response Letter — FOIA 25-180

Delta County Prosecutor's Office letter dated August 8, 2025, denying the request in full

Delta County Prosecutor's Office · 310 Ludington Street, Suite 237, Escanaba, MI 49829 · (906) 789-5115
Date: August 8, 2025 · **Re:** FOIA Request #25-180
Addressed to: REQUESTER NAME AND ADDRESS REDACTED

I acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 2, 2025 received by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office on August 4, 2025 for the following documents:

> *Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.23 et seq.), I am requesting access to records documenting the total number of criminal cases prosecuted by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office that proceeded to trial during the calendar year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.*
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> *Specifically, I request the following breakdown:*
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> 1. *The total number of criminal cases that resulted in a bench trial*
> 2. *The total number of criminal cases that resulted in a jury trial*
> 3. *For each type, the number of cases that ended in a:*
>   - *Guilty verdict*
>   - *Not guilty verdict / acquittal*
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> *If this information is tracked in internal reports, trial logs, performance summaries, or can be extracted from your case management system (CMS), please provide the most complete version available.*

Your request for records "documenting the total number of criminal cases prosecuted by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office that proceeded to trial during the calendar year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024" is **DENIED** as a review of the records reveal they do not exist. The undersigned hereby certifies that, after a search for records and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the public records requested, and described below, do not exist within the records of the public body under the name nor any other name reasonably known to the public body.

Your request for "[t]he total number of criminal cases that resulted in a bench trial" is **DENIED** as a review of the records reveal they do not exist. The undersigned hereby certifies that, after a search for records and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the public records requested, and described below, do not exist within the records of the public body under the name nor any other name reasonably known to the public body. In addition, the records of the underlying, raw data has already been provided to you in response to FOIA Request 25-135. See *Densmore v Department of Corrections*, 203 Mich 363 (1994).

Your request for "[t]he total number of criminal cases that resulted in a jury trial" is **DENIED**, as a review of the records reveal they do not exist. The undersigned hereby certifies that, after a search for records and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the public records requested, and described below, do not exist within the records of the public body under the name nor any other name reasonably known to the public body. In addition, the records of the underlying, raw data has already been provided to you in response to FOIA Request 25-135. See *Densmore v Department of Corrections*, 203 Mich 363 (1994).

Your request for records related to "each type, the number of cases that ended in a: guilty verdict; Not guilty verdict / acquittal" is **DENIED**, as a review of the records reveal they do not exist. The undersigned hereby certifies that, after a search for records and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the public records requested, and described below, do not exist within the records of the public body under the name nor any other name reasonably known to the public body. In addition, the records of the underlying, raw data has already been provided to you in response to FOIA Request 25-135. See *Densmore v Department of Corrections*, 203 Mich 363 (1994).

If you disagree with this decision, you may submit an appeal to the chairperson of the Delta County Board of Commissioners, or seek judicial review in the Delta County Circuit Court. If you prevail in Circuit Court, you may be entitled to receive attorney fees, costs, and disbursements as well as actual or compensatory damages, and punitive damages of $1,000.00.

I have also included the website utilized to find Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Written Policies, Guidelines, and Forms as well as the FOIA Appeal Form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Best Regards,

[signature] — FOIA Coordinator

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Note on this transcription. This is a faithful transcription of the two-page response letter dated August 8, 2025. The requester's name and address have been removed from the salutation and header. The signature is described rather than reproduced. Nothing else has been altered.