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Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: August 9th, 2025

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Re: FOIA Request – Case Processing Times (2020–2023)

Dear FOIA Coordinator,

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., I request copies of any records, reports, data, or summaries maintained by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office that document **average or median case processing times** for criminal cases handled by the office during the years **2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023**.

For clarity, by "case processing time," I mean the time period between case initiation (such as warrant authorization or charging decision) and final resolution (such as plea, dismissal, or trial verdict). I am requesting any statistics, summaries, or reports the Prosecutor's Office maintains internally or for external reporting purposes.

Reason for Request & Public Interest
The Board of Commissioners recently asked why I would be interested in this type of information. The answer is straightforward: case processing times are a fundamental measure of prosecutorial efficiency and transparency. They help the public, policymakers, and oversight bodies understand whether cases are moving in a timely manner, whether delays are systemic or case-specific, and how prosecutorial practices impact victims, defendants, and court resources.

Prosecutor Wickman herself has noted that timing "often depends on the courts," but the prosecutor's role—including charging decisions, plea negotiations, and trial readiness—directly influences overall processing times. Having this data from 2020 through 2023 will provide a baseline for historical comparison, especially important now that 2024 data cannot be produced due to a case management system change. Without the prior years, there is no way to fairly evaluate whether case delays are increasing, decreasing, or holding steady.

If the Office requires a clearer example of the type of records I am requesting, I direct you to the **Philadelphia District Attorney's Office Transparent Prosecutional Statistics Dashboard**, which tracks case processing times, charging, resolution data, and everything I've asked for, in an accessible public format. While I am not requesting a dashboard, this provides a concrete example of the kind of statistical summaries that prosecutorial offices can and do generate.

Format
If available, please provide the records in electronic form (PDF, Excel, or CSV). If no responsive records exist, please issue a certificate of nonexistence under MCL 15.235(5)(b).

Thank you for your continued attention. I look forward to your timely response within five business days, as required under the Act.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Attached as Exhibit A is an illustrative example of the Philadelphia DAO Public Data Dashboard that visually depicts metrics such as case duration, flows from incident to resolution, and future years of incarceration. This exhibit is provided to clarify the format and types of statistical summaries I am requesting, not as material produced by your office, but as a reference point demonstrating what similarly structured data looks like when publicly shared by another prosecutorial office.

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resolution in a case. It reflects the efficiency of a
stice system. Faster case resolution can be a
to crime; it also allows victims and the accused to
with their lives more quickly.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on the criminal legal system. Due to court closures, cases have remained open for much longer than normal. The increase in median days to disposition for cases in 2020 and 2021 is a result of this.

Median Days to Disposition

500

Yearly Median Days to Disposition by Police District

