Delta County Prosecutor's Office

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Re: FOIA Request #25-234

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I acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated October 1, 2025 received by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office on October 1, 2025 for the following documents:

> Pursuant to Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.231 et seq.), I am requesting copies of **laboratory testing results** related to the evidence seized in the Escanaba bar cocaine raid, which was the subject of my prior FOIA request #25-130.
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> Specifically, this request seeks:
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> 1. **Laboratory analysis reports, toxicology results, or controlled substance testing reports** generated by the Michigan State Police Forensic Laboratory, any regional forensic lab, or any contracted/private forensic laboratory, concerning suspected narcotics seized in the Escanaba bar cocaine raid.
> 2. Any **chain-of-custody cover sheets** accompanying those lab results.
> 3. Any **transmittal or return correspondence** between the Prosecutor's Office and the laboratory regarding the status or outcome of the testing.

Your request for "[l]aboratory analysis reports, toxicology results, or controlled substance testing reports generated by the Michigan State Police Forensic Laboratory, any regional forensic lab, or any contracted/private forensic laboratory, concerning suspected narcotics seized in the Escanaba bar cocaine raid" is **GRANTED**. In granting your request, please find the following documents:

> Michigan State Police Forensic Laboratory Report MQ 24-101, Record Number 2, dated March 4, 2024, related to Agency Item #14, seized from trash pull conducted on or about January 31, 2024, as documented in previously provided UPT Report 19-24, Supplement 1, documenting the results of "microscopic, chemical and/or instrumental analyses performed on the item, including corresponding cover sheet.

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Michigan State Police Forensic Laboratory Report MQ 24-101, Record Number 2, dated March 12, 2024, related to Agency Item #14, seized from trash pull conducted on or about January 31, 2024, as documented in previously provided UPT Report 19-24, Supplement 1, documenting the testing for latent prints, including corresponding cover sheet.

Michigan State Police Forensic Laboratory Report MQ 24-101, Record Number 3, dated February 3, 2025, related to Agency Item #18, turned over to UPSET following a traffic stop conducted by Delta County Sheriff's Office, as documented in previously provided UPT Report 19-24, Supplement 4, and Delta County Sheriff's Department Report Number 24-813 documenting the results of "microscopic, chemical and/or instrumental analyses performed on the item, including corresponding cover sheet.

Michigan State Police Forensic Laboratory Report MQ 24-101, Record Number 4, dated February 6, 2025, related to Agency Item #20, turned over to UPSET following a traffic stop conducted by Delta County Sheriff's Office, as documented in previously provided UPT Report 19-24, Supplement 4, and Delta County Sheriff's Department Report Number 24-813 documenting the results of "microscopic, chemical and/or instrumental analyses performed on the item, including corresponding cover sheet.

Your request for "[a]ny chain-of-custody cover sheets accompanying those lab results" is **DENIED** as a review of the records reveal they do not exist over and above the cover sheets referenced and provided above for each individual lab report.

As this matter was investigated primarily by the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET), with the assistance of other agencies, to include the Delta County Sheriff's Office, a review of the referenced reports, specifically UPT 19-24 and DCSO 24-813, reveals that all evidence initially seized by the Delta County Sheriff's Office was immediately turned over to (referenced in the report as "TOT") UPSET. The public body does not maintain or have in its possession any chain-of-custody cover sheets outside of the cover sheets referenced above, and references to the turning over of evidence in DCSO 24-813 and UPT 19-24.

As such, 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, described specifically as "[a]ny chain-of-custody cover sheets accompanying those lab results" 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 "[a]ny transmittal or return correspondence between the Prosecutor's Office and the laboratory regarding the status or outcome of the testing" 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, described

specifically as "[a]ny transmittal or return correspondence between the Prosecutor's Office and the laboratory regarding the status or outcome of the testing" do not exist within the records of the public body under the name nor any other name reasonably known to the public body.

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,

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