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RE: FOIA Request — Records Concerning Sergeant Thomas Lewis's Misconduct Connected to Investigation of Case No. 23-011013-FC

Dear FOIA Coordinator,

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (**MCL 15.231 et seq.**), I request all records in your possession **related to alleged misconduct by Sergeant Thomas Lewis** that occurred during, resulted from, or was discovered in connection with his involvement in the homicide investigation under **Case No. 23-011013-FC**.

This request is based solely on the conduct described in the published Court of Appeals opinion dated **July 22, 2025**, and seeks only **existing records**.

Please include, but do not limit your search to, the following:

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1. Witness Complaint and Statements

- The citizen's complaint filed against Sergeant Lewis by the female witness referenced in the appellate opinion.
- Any supplemental statements, attachments, notes, or clarifications provided by the complainant.

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2. Internal Affairs / Professional Standards Records

All IA/PS documents related to the misconduct described in the opinion, including:

- Reports, interviews, written statements, and investigative notes
- Command-level summaries or recommendations
- Findings, conclusions, or closing reports
- Any notices of discipline, reprimands, suspension, or corrective action

- Records showing whether Sergeant Lewis was placed on administrative leave or reassigned

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3. Michigan State Police Investigation

(As explicitly mentioned in the appellate opinion.)

Please provide:

- All MSP investigative reports concerning Sergeant Lewis arising from the witness complaint
- Communications between MSP and the Sheriff's Office about the complaint or findings
- Any closing memos, summaries, or determinations
- Any documents discussing whether criminal charges or administrative actions were considered

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4. Communications Between Sergeant Lewis and the Witness

- All text messages, emails, digital messages, handwritten notes, or other communications
- All agency-held records relating to communications where he:
    - Stated he was "too drunk to drive"
    - Asked the witness to come to his home
    - Threatened to "get her in trouble for dealing cocaine"
    - Requested she spend the night
    - Requested a kiss or sexual photographs
    - Made coercive or threatening statements

(As described in the appellate record.)

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5. Communications Within the Agency About the Misconduct

- Any emails, messages, or reports referencing allegations against Sergeant Lewis

- Any correspondence discussing his conduct with the witness
- Any documents regarding concerns about his credibility, behavior, or fitness for duty during the investigation

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6. Communications With Prosecutors or the Attorney General

- All communication between your agency and the **Delta County Prosecutor's Office** regarding:
    - The witness complaint
    - Sergeant Lewis's conduct
    - His involvement in the homicide investigation
    - Issues affecting credibility or investigation integrity
- Any communication with the **Michigan Attorney General's Office** regarding the same.

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7. Records of His Role in the Homicide Investigation

Only those related to the misconduct described, including:

- Logs or reports showing his role in:
    - Searching for the victim's body
    - Photographing the crime scene
    - Searching the defendant's home
    - Witness interviews

(As referenced in the appellate opinion.)

- Any notes or reports referencing whether his conduct affected these investigative duties.

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8. Body-Worn Camera, Audio, Photos, or Digital Files

Any BWC, audio recordings, photos, videos, or digital files related to:

- His interactions with the witness
- His investigative activities during the time of the misconduct
- Any recordings documenting intoxication, threats, or improper behavior

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9. Personnel Records Related to the Misconduct

(Only records *not* exempt under MCL 15.243.)

- Notices of complaint
- Notices of investigation
- Outcome letters
- Records of discipline or recommended action

Format, Fees, and Required Notifications

I request that all records be provided **electronically** via email.

If you deny any part of this request, please provide:

1. The **specific statutory exemption** under MCL 15.243
2. A description of each withheld record
3. The name and title of the official responsible for the denial
4. A notice of my appeal rights under MCL 15.240

Please notify me if anticipated fees exceed **$50** before processing.

Thank you for your assistance.

Thank you.

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