Delta County Prosecutor's Office

Lauren M. Wickman
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Civil Counsel
Lauren Mattson
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February 17, 2026

[redacted]

Re: FOIA Request #26-34

[redacted]

I acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated February 10, 2026, and received by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office on February 17, 2026. The request we received is as follows:

> **Request for Aggregate Criminal Case Statistics**
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> Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., I request disclosure of the following:
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> **Request Record:**
> - Total number of resolved through diversion programs.
>
> Aggregate numerical data only.
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> If no such calculation is maintained, please indicate no responsive record exists. This request does not require creation of a new record.

On February 9, 2026, a clarification was provided to Delta County Administration, which stated:

> I sent in two FOIA requests but realized I didn't put the dates that I am requesting. If I need to send a new one, please advise, if not the dates requested are from 2022-2025.

In reviewing the request, in particular the use of the term "diversion programs", it should be noted that "diversion programs" is traditionally a program only referring to juvenile diversion program administered by Probate Courts, as outlined in the Juvenile Diversion Act, Act 13 of 1988, MCL 722.821 et al. Records pertaining to juvenile diversion programs are maintained by the Probate Court of the juvenile's respective county. The Delta County Prosecutor's Office does not maintain records related to individuals placed within a juvenile diversion program, as the files from Probate Court are considered confidential under the law, even to the Prosecutor's Office. There are no other "diversion programs" within Delta County. Should you have clarifying information related to this request, please provide that information or clarification and we will review the matter anew.

310 LUDINGTON STREET, SUITE 237 ESCANABA MI 49829
(906)789-5115

As such, your request for the above records is **DENIED**. The undersigned hereby certifies that, after a search for records and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the public record requested, and described above, does 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,

Lauren M. Wickman
Chief Prosecuting Attorney

Emily Desalvo
FOIA Coordinator

County: Keep original and provide copy of both sides, along with Public Summary, to requestor at no charge.

Delta County
310 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829
Phone: 906-789-5100

Denial Form

Notice of Denial of FOIA Request

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, *et seq.*

Request No.: 26-34 Date Received: 02/10/2026
Date of This Notice: 02/17/2026
(Please Print or Type)

Check if received via: ☐ Email ☑ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method
Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____
Date discovered in junk/spam folder: _____

Name [redacted]	Phone [redacted]
Firm/Organization	Fax
Street [redacted]	Email [redacted]
City [redacted] State [redacted]	Zip [redacted]

Request for: ☑ Copy ☐ Certified copy ☐ Record inspection ☐ Subscription to record issued on regular basis

Delivery Method: ☐ Will pick up ☐ Will make own copies onsite ☐ Mail to address above ☑ Email to address above
☐ Deliver on digital media provided by the County: _____

Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* see attached copy of the original request

☑ **All** **OR** ☐ **Part** of your request for records has been denied. Please refer to this form for an explanation. If you have any questions regarding this denial, contact Emily Desalvo at 906-789-5100

Reason for Denial:

☐ **1. Exempt from Disclosure:** This item is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Section 13, Subsection _____ *(insert number)*, because: _____

☑ **2. Record Does Not Exist:** This item does not exist under the name provided in your request or by another name reasonably known to the County A certificate that the public record does not exist under the name given is attached. If you believe this recorddoes exist, provide a description that will enable us to locate the record: _____

☐ 3. **Redaction:** A portion of the requested record had to be separated or deleted (redacted) as it is exempt under FOIA Section 13, Subsection _____ *(insert number)*, because: _____

A brief description of the information that had to be separated or deleted: _____

Notice of Requestor's Right to Seek Judicial Review

You are entitled under Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240, to appeal this denial to the County Board of Commissioners or to commence an action in the Circuit Court to compel disclosure of the requested records if you believe they were wrongfully withheld from disclosure.If, after judicial review, the court determines that the County has not complied with MCL 15.235 in making this denial and orders disclosure of allor a portion of a public record, you have the right to receive attorneys' fees and damages as provided in MCL 15.240.
(See back of this form for additional information on your rights.)

Signature of FOIA Coordinator: [signature] **Date:** 2-16-2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 442 of 1976

15.240.amended Options by requesting person; appeal; actions by public body; receipt of written appeal; judicial review; civil action; venue; de novo proceeding; burden of proof; private view of public record; contempt; assignment of action or appeal for hearing, trial, or argument; attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements; assessment of award; damages.

Sec. 10.

(1) If a public body makes a final determination to deny all or a portion of a request, the requesting person may do 1 of the following at his or her option:

(a) Submit to the head of the public body a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of the denial.

(b) Commence a civil action in the circuit court, or if the decision of a state public body is at issue, the court of claims, to compel the public body's disclosure of the public records within 180 days after a public body's final determination to deny a request.

(2) Within 10 business days after receiving a written appeal pursuant to subsection (1)(a), the head of a public body shall do 1 of the following:

(a) Reverse the disclosure denial.

(b) Issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial.

(c) Reverse the disclosure denial in part and issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial in part.

(d) Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the head of the public body shall respond to the written appeal. The head of a public body shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.

(3) A board or commission that is the head of a public body is not considered to have received a written appeal under subsection (2) until the first regularly scheduled meeting of that board or commission following submission of the written appeal under subsection (1)(a). If the head of the public body fails to respond to a written appeal pursuant to subsection (2), or if the head of the public body upholds all or a portion of the disclosure denial that is the subject of the written appeal, the requesting person may seek judicial review of the nondisclosure by commencing a civil action under subsection (1)(b).

(4) In an action commenced under subsection (1)(b), a court that determines a public record is not exempt from disclosure shall order the public body to cease withholding or to produce all or a portion of a public record wrongfully withheld, regardless of the location of the public record. Venue for an action against a local public body is proper in the circuit court for the county in which the public record or an office of the public body is located has venue over the action. The court shall determine the matter de novo and the burden is on the public body to sustain its denial. The court, on its own motion, may view the public record in controversy in private before reaching a decision. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.

(5) An action commenced under this section and an appeal from an action commenced under this section shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.

(6) If a person asserting the right to inspect, copy, or receive a copy of all or a portion of a public record prevails in an action commenced under this section, the court shall award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. If the person or public body prevails in part, the court may, in its discretion, award all or an appropriate portion of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. The award shall be assessed against the public body liable for damages under subsection (7).

(7) If the court determines in an action commenced under this section that the public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated this act by refusal or delay in disclosing or providing copies of a public record, the court shall order the public body to pay a civil fine of $1,000.00, which shall be deposited into the general fund of the state treasury. The court shall award, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, punitive damages in the amount of $1,000.00 to the person seeking the right to inspect or receive a copy of a public record. The damages shall not be assessed against an individual, but shall be assessed against the next succeeding public body that is not an individual and that kept or maintained the public record as part of its public function.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977 ;-- Am. 1978, Act 329, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1978 ;-- Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997 ;-- Am. 2014, Act 563, Eff. July 1, 2015

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Denial Appeal Form

FOIA Appeal Form—To Appeal a Denial of Records

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Date of This Notice: _____
(Please Print or Type)

Check if received via: ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method
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Name		Phone
Firm/Organization		Fax
Street		Email
City	State	Zip

Request for: ☐ Copy ☐ Certified copy ☐ Record inspection ☐ Subscription to record issued on regular basis
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Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* _____

Reason(s) for Appeal:

The appeal must identify the reason(s) for reversing the denial. You may use this form or attach additional sheets:

_____

Requestor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

County Response:

The County must provide a response within 10 business days after receiving this appeal, including a determination or taking one 10-business day extension.

County Extension: We are extending the date to respond to your FOIA denial appeal for no more than 10 business days, until_____ (*month, day, year*). Only one extension may be taken per FOIA appeal.
Unusual circumstances warranting extension: _____

If you have any questions regarding this extension, contact: _____

County Determination:

☐ Denial Reversed ☐ Denial Upheld ☐ Denial Reversed in Part and Upheld in Part
The following previously denied records will be released: _____

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Written Policies, Guidelines, and Forms

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Upon request, a mailed copy of the polices, guidelines, and/or forms will be provided. Please contact the Delta County Administration Office at 906-789-5100 or by mail at:

Delta County Administration Office
310 Ludington Street, Suite 222
Escanaba, Michigan, 49829

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tracy@deltacountymi.org

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST
Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq.

To: Delta County Prosecutor's Office

Date: February 9, 2026

Requester:
[redacted]
Phone: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]

Request for Aggregate Criminal Case Statistics

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., I request disclosure of the following:

Requested Record:
• Total number of criminal cases resolved through diversion programs

Aggregate numerical data only.

If no such calculation is maintained, please indicate that no responsive record exists. This request does not require creation of a new record.

Fees

I request a waiver of all fees pursuant to MCL 15.234. If any fee is anticipated, please provide a detailed written fee estimate prior to processing.

Response Time

Please respond within five (5) business days as required by MCL 15.235(2).

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Fwd: Two FOIAs sent

From : Emily A. DeSalvo <edesalvo@deltacountymi.org> Mon, Feb 09, 2026 01:22 PM

1 attachment

Subject : Fwd: Two FOIAs sent

To : Tracy Lantagne <tracy@deltacountymi.org>, Lauren Wickman <lwickman@deltacountymi.org>, Paige Tardiff <ptardiff@deltacountymi.org>

The email below is the clarification of the date range for the two FOIA's we just received today by way of fax. Tracy has not yet assigned a number. They just came in. Thank you.

Emily DeSalvo
Delta County Administrator

From: J[redacted]
To: Emily <edesalvo@deltacountymi.org>
Date: Monday, 9 February 2026 1:19 PM EST
Subject: Two FOIAs sent

Hello,

I sent in two FOIA requests but realized I didn't put the dates that I am requesting. If I need to send a new one, please advise, if not the dates requested are from 2022-2025

Regards,
[redacted]