Delta County Prosecutor's Office

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Re: FOIA Request #26-35

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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:

> **Requested Records**
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> Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I request the following **aggregate statistical information**:
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> - **The total number of plea agreements entered into and accepted** in criminal cases handled by the Delta County Prosecutor's Office during the month of **January 2026**, excluding minor traffic infractions and small ticket matters. This also includes plea that might have been made in December 2025 or earlier. To clarify I am asking for the amount entered and accepted in January 2026.
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> This request seeks **only an aggregate numerical total.**
> No case files, names, identifiers, or personally identifiable information are requested.
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> This request does **not** require the creation of a new public record and includes any existing reports, summaries, database query results, or electronic exports that reflect this total.

Your request is **GRANTED**. It should be noted, that a plea is only "accepted" when a plea is actually entered on the record. Until that point, either side can revoke or withdraw from any agreement. As such, your request would simply require the review of court dockets for entries that include a "plea".

In reviewing the dockets for District Court and Circuit Court, the Circuit Court, these documented the entry of 52 pleas in District or Circuit Court that were entered pursuant to a plea agreement This number includes misdemeanor level traffic tickets, as a differentiation of "minor traffic infractions and small ticket matters" is too broad to allow for clear differentiation in response.

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It should be noted that while this Requester may have witnessed the taking of a plea on February 9, 2026, this does not create an aggregate statistical record as he now requests. The calculation of the number above, required the physical review and cross reference to the physical file was done out of a courtesy and effort in transparency. There does not exist a document or record of an "aggregate numerical total" of plea agreements entered into and accepted. On January 9, 2026, this Requester simply saw the taking of a plea, not the creation of a record that compiles or creates statistical information responsive to his request. Due in large part to the small-time frame requested, the physical review was able to be conducted. However, the *granting* of this request does not mean that future requests will not be subject to a fee estimation, as even with this small sample size, the review took approximately 85 minutes of time.

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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