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## FOIA Appeal – Record Request #25-158

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Subject: FOIA Appeal – Record Request #25-158

To the Chairperson of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners,

I am submitting this appeal regarding the partial denial of my FOIA request (#25-158). The denial states that no records exist regarding my transfer from Genesee County Jail to Clinton County Jail and related internal communications, disciplinary records, and surveillance information.

However, attached to this appeal is a copy of my booking sheet from Clinton County Jail, which confirms that my transfer did, in fact, occur. This directly contradicts the Sheriff's Office's claim that no records exist regarding my transfer.

### Grounds for Appeal:

#### 1. Contradictory Evidence – Booking Sheet Proves Records Exist

- The Clinton County booking sheet proves that a transfer order, communication, or directive must have been generated by Genesee County.
- The Sheriff's Office's claim that "no records exist" is therefore false, misleading, or indicative of an inadequate search.

#### 2. Failure to Conduct a Proper Search

- Jail transfers require official documentation, inter-agency communication, and internal approval.
- I demand full disclosure of these records, including digital logs, email correspondence, and transfer justifications.
- Please confirm who conducted the search, what databases were queried, and what records were reviewed before determining non-existence.

#### 3. Retention Schedule Concerns

- If records were destroyed, provide:
- The exact retention schedule citation used.
- The date of destruction for relevant documents.

- If records were deleted without proper authorization, this may constitute a violation of public records laws.

#### 4. Potential Suppression of Surveillance & Investigative Records

- The Sheriff's Office did not confirm whether electronic databases, law enforcement task force records, or digital surveillance logs were searched.
- I demand a sworn certification that my name or identifying details were not found in:
  - Any task force operations, investigative reports, or covert surveillance programs.
  - Any body cam, dash cam, or radio communications related to my transfer or detention.

#### Remedy Sought

- Immediate release of the transfer records, including all inter-agency communications.
- Clarification on what was searched, how the search was conducted, and whether any records were unlawfully destroyed.
- If no records exist, an affidavit confirming this under penalty of perjury.

As per FOIA's provisions, I request a reversal of this denial and a full re-examination of responsive records. If my appeal is not granted, I reserve the right to seek judicial review under Section 10 of the Michigan FOIA.

Please provide a response within the legally required timeframe.

Sincerely,

Jason Aaron Atkins-Lawson Jr.

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