

First, please kindly accept my apologies for this delayed response. The liaison that I work with from the Sheriff's Office was on vacation during the time in which you submitted the request. I just received information today in order for me to respond. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this delay.

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Now, please kindly accept this correspondence in response to the public records request submitted by email to Genesee County on February 23, 2026, at 1:04 p.m. The request was deemed officially recognized by me, Genesee County's FOIA Specialist, on February 24, 2026, and it has been processed pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq.* A 10-business day extension was submitted as permitted by MCL 15.235 Sec. 5. (2)(d).

Initially, the request was deemed denied by operation of law due to Genesee County's failure to respond, however, it was not my intent to allow a denial to occur in this manner.

Therefore, I understand the records request to be for copies of **"(1) all current contracts, service level agreements, and memorandums of understanding (MOUs) between the County (including the Sheriff's Office) and Flock Group Inc. (Flock Safety), including pricing schedules and addendums; (2) all audit logs, search logs, or usage reports related to the county's use of Flock Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems for each available monthly period from October 2025 through February 23, 2026; (3) county policies regarding Flock data such as (a) any policies, guidelines, or training materials within the Sheriff's department regarding the use of Flock Safety technology for law enforcement and sharing of data from County-contracted Flock cameras with non-county agencies; (b) whether the county-contracted Flock network uses 1:1 sharing with other police departments, or whether the County has entered into Flock's "National Lookup Network"; (c) any county policy regarding the guidelines of public release through FOIA of ALPR data from Flock cameras contracted by the County; (4) a list, spreadsheet, or map detailing the physical locations (e.g., street intersections, addresses, or GPS coordinates) of all Flock Safety cameras contracted by the county; (5) an electronic export of all metadata and associated images captured by county-contracted Flock Safety cameras for the license plate EMJ476 between the dates of February 9, 2026, and February 14, 2026; and (6) the contents of (including requester information), and county responses to (including all documents and reasons for denials), all FOIA requests filed with Genesee County between October 1, 2025, and February 20, 2026, that contain the keyword "Flock" or "ALPR", or, if keyword is not available, are otherwise requesting information related to the county's use, retention, sharing, or public release of Flock Safety ALPR data."**

Please know that in responding to the request, I worked closely with and relied upon information I received from Ms. Mose and Captain Murphy, of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office.

The request is granted in part and denied in part.

Please find the responsive records, uploaded to the portal, to the extent that the records exist in the files of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, based upon information and records I received from Ms. Mose and Captain Murphy, I hereby certify.

Certain information (*dates of birth, home addresses, driver license numbers, etc.*) has been redacted in accordance with MCL 15.243(1)(b)(iii) of the Act, which states that a public body may exempt from disclosure an investigating record compiled for law enforcement purposes that would "*constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.*" I hereby assert that the release of previous FOIA requesters' personal information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individuals' personal privacy.

Now, as it pertains to the portions of the request denied, please be advised that the records do not exist in the files of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office based upon information I received from Ms. Mose and Captain Murphy, I hereby certify.

In addition, portions of the request are denied because the records requested are exempt pursuant to the Act, MCL 15.243 (s)(v) which states that public records of a law enforcement agency, the release of which would disclose operational instructions for law enforcement officers or agents. Also, MCL 15.233 Sec. 3. (4)(5) of the Act does not require a public body to make a compilation, summary, or report of information as required in section 11 and does not require a public body to create a new public record, except as required in section 11, and to the extent required by this act for the furnishing of copies, or edited copies pursuant to section 14(1), of an already existing public record. Most importantly, pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(d) of the FOIA states a public body may exempt from disclosure "*records or information specifically described and exempted from disclosure by statute.*" Please know certain information reported from the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) has been redacted pursuant to MCL 28.214(5) of the CJIS Policy Council Act.

In the spirit of transparency, the Flock Security System is a system that is not owned by Genesee County. Although the Sheriff's Office has a contract with this company and Sheriff personnel, in their official capacity, may access the system, ultimately the data within it does not belong to this public body, i.e., Genesee County.

To the extent this response constitutes a denial of the request, please be advised that you have the right to submit a written appeal by sending an email to foiaappeals@geneseecountymi.gov, addressed to the chairperson of the Genesee County Board of County Commissioners, specifically stating the word "appeal" and identifying the reason or reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial. You are further advised that you have the right to seek judicial review of such denial and obtain attorney's fees and damages to the extent provided in, and subject to the conditions of, section 10 of the FOIA ("Section 10"). A copy of Section 10 is uploaded to the portal and is incorporated in this response by reference.

Copies of Genesee County's FOIA Policy and Procedures, along with its FOIA Summary, are online: https://www.geneseecountymi.gov/government/freedom_of_information.php.

PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS

To locate the records released by Genesee County through the portal, please click on the "**Documents**" tab located directly below the "**Request**" box. This is where you can view, download, and print the documents released to you.

Sincerely,

Monaca Elston, Genesee County FOIA Specialist