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## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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RE: State v. Karl Houston Walls

Case no.: C-02-CR-23-001148 / C-02-CR-23-001149

## MuckRock News:

Our office is in receipt of your request initially dated July 7, 2023. We responded to your request on August 4, 2023, advising that this was still an open case, hence we were not able to process your request. You have made additional requests on January 12, 2024, February 6, 2024, February 21, 2024, March 7, 2024, March 22, 2024, April 8, 2024, April 23, 2024, May 8, 2024, May 23, 2024, June 7, 2024, June 24, 2024, July 9, 2024, July 24, 2024, August 8, 2024, August 23, 2024, September 9, 2024, September 24, 2024, October 9, 2024, October 24, 2024, November 8, 2024, November 25, 2024, December 10, 2024, December 25, 2024, January 9, 2025, January 24, 2025, February 10, 2025, February 25, 2025, March 12, 2025 and March 27, 2025. It appears these requests were going to an inactive email address.

Our office has received your most recent request dated March 30, 2025, and has been evaluated in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 4-101, et seq. (MPIA). Specifically, you have requested the following:

- (a) all records and documents pertaining to the ongoing criminal case against Karl Houston Walls, a former teacher at Northeast High School in Pasadena, Anne Arundel County; including but not limited to
  - (i) police reports;
  - (ii) witness statements;
  - (iii) charges filed;
  - (iv) arrest records;
  - (v) court transcripts;
  - (vi) body cam video or interrogation footage;
  - (vii) text messages and photographs/videos allegedly sent by Mr. Walls to the victims; and
  - (viii) any other pertinent documents related to this case.

Your request has been evaluated in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act, Annotated

Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 4-101, et seq. (MPIA). The State's Attorney's Office for Anne Arundel County must carefully review and process the materials within this file in order to identify content that may contain privileged or exempt material that would require either redaction or withholding of the entire record. Therefore, it is not yet known whether all of the materials you have requested are subject to disclosure.

The Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County is not the custodian of records for body worn camera footage. If body worn camera footage exists, you may attempt to obtain the footage from the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

Upon review, approximately 511<sup>1</sup> pages and 5 media files were found related to your request. The State's Attorney's Office for Anne Arundel County must carefully review and process the materials within this file in order to identify the content that may contain privileged or exempt material that would require either redaction or withholding of the entire record. Therefore, it is not yet known whether all of the materials you have requested are subject to disclosure.

For general cost information, refer to the current fee structure below:

ITEM	COST PER UNIT
Paper Copy	\$.25 per page
Flash Drive	\$ 5.00
CD	\$ 2.00
Document Preparation <sup>2</sup>	\$ 18.00 per hour
Shipping and Handling	\$ 20.00

Based on an estimated 20 hours completion estimate and the hourly rate of the State's Attorney's Office employee who would process your request, the estimated cost of fees required to complete processing your request is \$360.00 The State's Attorney's Office will return to you any balance that remains from your payment that is not incurred, but may also charge you any fees for actual costs that are over your payment. Additionally, you may adjust the scope of your request to narrow the records that you seek and reduce the cost of reproduction.

If you wish to proceed with processing your request, please remit the minimum processing fee totaling \$360.00, payable to "State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County." Please reference MPIA payment for *State v. Karl H. Walls, C-02-CR-23-001148 / C-02-CR-23-001149* on the check.

Payment can be mailed to:

State's Attorney's Office for Anne Arundel County 8 Church Circle Suite 200 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Attention: Jackeline Flores, Law Clerk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the large number of pages associated with this request, the number of pages referenced is an approximation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Under MPIA § 4-206(c), the first two hours of record processing are not charged. There will be an hourly fee assessed based on the hourly rate of the county employee who would be processing your request.

Pursuant to GP § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision. Alternatively, you may file a request for mediation with the Public Access Ombudsman and, if the Ombudsman is unable to resolve the matter, may subsequently seek a resolution from the State Public Information Act Compliance Board for those matters within the Compliance Board's jurisdiction. See GP §§ 4-1A-01 et seq. and 4-1B-01 et seq.

If you have any further questions, please contact Jackeline Flores at saflor23@aacounty.org.

Sincerely,

/s/
Jackeline Flores
Law Clerk
State's Attorney's Office for Anne
Arundel County