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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

This letter is in response to your FOIA request received on June 28, 2024, 2024. You requested the following:

- "1. the total number of use of force incidents from 2017-2022, separated by year. Please include as part of this a breakdown of how many use of force incidents in 2022 were related to law enforcement operations and how many were related to correctional/custodial operations.*
- 2. the total number of use of force incidents, separated by year and type of force, from 2017-2022 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2022, baton incidents in 2022, etc.)*
- 3. the total number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.*
- 4. the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.*
- 5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.*
- 6. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.*
- 7. the total number of officer-involved shootings from 2017-2022, both fatal and non-fatal, separated by year.*
- 8. the total number of people who the sheriff's department used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, in 2022."*

Your request is denied, as no records exist that meet the criteria of this request. Per MCL 15.233, Section 3(4), *this act does not require a public body to make a compilation, summary, or report of information*, and Section 3(5) *this act does not require a public body to create a new public record.*

In the event that you are not satisfied with this response, per Section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act, you have options regarding appeal, judicial review, or court action, with possible award of attorney fees, costs and disbursements should you prevail in such an action, as provided in MCL 15.240.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 616-527-5737. To review a copy of Ionia County's FOIA written public summary, procedures and guidelines, go to www.ioniacounty.org.

Sincerely,



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