



FOIA RESPONSE

April 1, 2024

Adam Steinbaugh
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 149710
263 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115

Re: **FOIA Request Dated April 1, 2024**

Dear: Adam Steinbaugh,

Please be advised that Van Buren Township received and reviewed your recent document request dated April 1, 2024, under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, you requested the following documents from the VBPD:

“A copy of any police report (including any records referenced in the report, such as photographs, body camera recordings, or other records) concerning any alleged violation of sec. 58 37 {Use of vulgar or obscene language in presence of law enforcement agent). That ordinance may be located at:
[https://library.municode.com/mi/van_buren_charter_township_\(wayne_co.\)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH58OFMIPR_ARTIIIOFAFGOFU_S58-37USVUOBLAPRLAENAG](https://library.municode.com/mi/van_buren_charter_township_(wayne_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH58OFMIPR_ARTIIIOFAFGOFU_S58-37USVUOBLAPRLAENAG). This request is limited to records generated on or after January 1, 2010.”

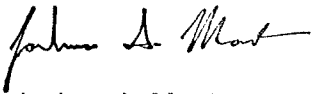
While searching for your request, I discovered that no such records exist. Your request is being denied as the requested records do not exist.

The Township's specific protocol for responding to FOIA requests is set forth in the Public Summary and Township's Procedure and Guidelines available on its website at: <http://www.vanburen-mi.org/>. Additionally, paper copies of the aforementioned documents are available at the Township's offices.

In the event you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to submit a written appeal under MCL 15.240 to Van Buren Township that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of this denial.

In addition, you may also seek judicial review of this denial pursuant to MCL 15.240, including the right to receive attorneys' fees and damages as provided in MCL 15.240 if, after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the public body has not complied with this section and orders disclosure of all or a portion of a public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua A. Monte". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joshua A. Monte
Deputy Chief of Police

Van Buren Township Public Safety Department
FOIA Office
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, MI 48111

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This is a follow up to a previous request:
This request was originally submitted via email to jmontgomery@vanburen-mi.org (error). It was never acknowledged. Due to issues with the original communication method, we are now directing this request to you.
To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Michigan Freedom of Information Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on July 21, 2023. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On July 21, 2023:
Subject: Michigan Freedom of Information Act Request: Van Buren Township,
Michigan: Language directed at police
To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

A copy of any police report (including any records referenced in the report, such as photographs, body camera recordings, or other records) concerning any alleged violation of Sec. 58-37 (Use of vulgar or obscene language in presence of law enforcement agent). That ordinance may be located at [https://library.municode.com/mi/van_buren_charter_township,\(wayne_co.\)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH580FMIPR_ARTII0FAFGOFU_S58-37USVUOBLAPRLAENAG](https://library.municode.com/mi/van_buren_charter_township,(wayne_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH580FMIPR_ARTII0FAFGOFU_S58-37USVUOBLAPRLAENAG).

This request is limited to records generated on or after January 1, 2010.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Adam Steinbaugh

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