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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 6, 2025 12:15 PM  
**To:** Jack Bradley  
**Cc:** Robert J. Gargasz; Rey Carrion; Mike Failing; fcp@lcprosecutor.org; trothm@wingspan.org; City Council Mail Group; Mike Mason; Jonathan Schuppe; Noelle Williams; Lorain Daily; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; paul.nick@ethics.ohio.gov; tips@wews.com; Sherry Glass; Sheriff Jack Hall; senseicobrakai@protonmail.com; Major Steven Scharschmidt; Mike Massler; Clavescene News; Joseph LaVeck; lbischoff@gannett.com; jonathan.walsh@wews.com; Scott.Noll@wews.com; JCaniglia@plaind.com  
**Subject:** Re: Final Demand for Relief – Whistleblower Retaliation, Civil-Rights Abuses & Tortious Interference Final One-Time Settlement Offer

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Mayor Bradley and ALL Concerned Parties,

This will serve as a formal reminder of the City of Lorain's continuing legal obligations in matters involving insurance claims, civil rights violations, and retaliation allegations.

While I acknowledge that the City may be coordinating with legal counsel or insurers, such coordination does not negate the City's independent obligations under state and federal law. These include, but are not limited to:

- **Timely Reporting & Good-Faith Review:** As you are aware, most municipal insurance policies require prompt notification of claims and good-faith consideration of settlement offers—especially those within policy limits—to protect the insured from excess judgments. Undue delay or categorical denials may constitute bad-faith conduct.
- **Cooperation Obligations:** The City, as the insured, has an ongoing duty to cooperate with its insurance carrier and to evaluate reasonable offers, rather than summarily reject them or disregard documented evidence.
- **Constitutional & Statutory Duties:** My right to petition public officials on matters of public concern—including civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and disability discrimination—is firmly protected under the First Amendment and federal whistleblower statutes. Attempting to insulate public officials from direct

accountability through blanket denials or silence does not comport with constitutional norms or public service ethics.

- **Ohio-Specific Statutes:** Under Ohio law, designated officials—such as a Director of Law—may hold settlement authority within certain thresholds. However, refusal to engage or document a legitimate settlement negotiation may raise serious concerns under both public accountability laws and prohibited insurance practices outlined by the Ohio Department of Insurance.

To be clear: I am not asking for a favor. I am documenting an official request for remedy that remains viable but is time-sensitive. If the City believes this matter should be handled exclusively through counsel, I am fully prepared to proceed accordingly, but I will not accept silence, evasion, or procedural deflection as a substitute for substantive response.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

Respectfully,

Aaron C. Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA

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On Jun 27, 2025, at 11:24, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Read the comments and decide if you still want to ignore me. This is gaining steam and the settlement is going away soon. It's not going to get any better.

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 16:07, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Jack,

“Denied.”

Impressive. A one-word masterclass in public accountability. I assume that's the level of engagement Lorain taxpayers can now

expect when raising allegations of civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and documented abuse of power.

If I wanted a Magic 8 Ball response, I'd have shaken one. Instead, I got the mayor of a city whose job—last I checked—is to serve, not sneer.

I'll make sure your reply is framed accordingly when this story airs. You may want to keep your calendar open. Reporters tend to have follow-up questions—more than one word, usually.

— Aaron C. Knapp

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 15:17, Bradley, Jack  
<Jack\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Denied!

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Mayor Bradley,

Let me be unambiguous.

You work for the people. You are not a passive participant in these events, nor are you free to dismiss public instructions with one-liners like “Thank you for your comments.” That may suffice in lesser matters—but not here, not when civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and federal crimes under color of law are on the record and under your watch.

I am not seeking your permission. I am instructing you, as my government, under the full protection of the Constitution of the United States. This communication is not a “comment”—it is a lawful directive from a constituent to an elected official.

You may choose to ignore that instruction. If so, you will face it again—through deposition, through discovery, and ultimately through public judgment.

Your job is not to issue pleasantries. Your job is to protect the civil liberties of the residents of Lorain. That includes me.

Failure to comply with this final directive and respond substantively to the settlement offer already presented will be taken as formal declination, and all further remedies will proceed through the courts and press as outlined.

Govern accordingly.

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 14:04, Bradley, Jack  
<Jack\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. Jack

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Mayor Bradley,

Let me make something clear: I don't have to "understand" your political balancing act. That's your job—not mine. My job is to hold public officials accountable when they fail to act, enable misconduct, or try to sidestep

responsibility behind vague references to "community interests."

What you've called "balancing" is, in reality, evasion. And I'm not obligated to tolerate it, respect it, or fall in line with it—especially when your administration green-lit or ignored retaliatory behavior that violated my rights.

You may think deflecting to your office or suggesting private meetings is enough to minimize public exposure. It's not. This is about public harm and public accountability. So yes, I will keep addressing you—and every official copied here—because silence and backdoor excuses are how corruption thrives.

You don't get to dictate the terms of this conversation. Not when your silence has cost me my career, my reputation, and my health.

You know what needs to be done. Either act with integrity—or keep trying to spin this while the public watches.

- Aaron C. Knapp

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 13:55, Bradley, Jack  
<Jack\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>  
wrote:

Thank you for your comments, but you need to realize that I have to balance the needs and interests of the entire community, not just yours. As I have told you in the past, if you have specific concerns, please feel free to schedule a separate meeting with my office. As always, your input is valuable in helping me understand the community's needs and concerns. Jack

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Mayor Bradley,

I appreciate your comment that  
constructive suggestions are welcome. I  
would only add this:

Your role as Mayor does not entitle you to dictate how, when, or in what tone I speak on matters of public concern—especially those involving civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and disability-based targeting carried out under color of law.

This isn't about being "kept in the loop." I *am* the loop—because your administration made me part of it through a sustained campaign of retaliation and silence.

Your office gave tacit approval to Chief McCann's actions against me and others. At minimum, you permitted your subordinates to deny the existence of emails that I now have in hand. You failed to initiate—or demand—a thorough, impartial investigation. You allowed reputational and economic damage to mount unchecked. That is not passive oversight. That is abdication.

The buck stops with you.

The First Amendment protects my right to petition the government, expose misconduct, and hold public officials accountable. That right is not suspended because you've referred the matter to counsel. Nor does it vanish when the facts become inconvenient.

I will continue to document, publish, and pursue accountability through every lawful channel available. Direct communication with elected and appointed officials remains one of those channels—and always will be.

Respectfully,  
Aaron C. Knapp  
BSSW, LSW, CDCA  
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On Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 01:40:01 PM EDT, Bradley, Jack <jack\_bradley@cityoflorain.org> wrote

I have no problem being kept in the loop (and all constructive comments and suggestions are appreciated). Jack

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 11:34, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote

Mayor Bradley,

Thank you for your response.

While I acknowledge that the City has referred this matter to legal counsel, please be advised that I am fully within my constitutional rights to continue corresponding with elected and appointed public officials regarding matters of public concern—particularly those involving allegations of civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and misuse of public resources.

As a private citizen and whistleblower, my right to petition the government is explicitly protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. This includes the right to directly contact government officials in matters affecting public integrity, policy, and public safety.

- In *Pickering v. Board of Education*, 391 U.S. 563 (1968), the U.S. Supreme Court

recognized that citizens (and public employees) have the right to speak on matters of public concern without fear of retaliation or suppression.

- In *Garrison v. Louisiana*, 379 U.S. 64 (1964),

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law (42 U.S.C. §  
1983) and  
violations of anti-  
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provisions under  
both Ohio and  
federal  
whistleblower  
laws.

If the City  
chooses to  
coordinate its  
formal response  
through legal  
channels, that is  
its prerogative.  
However, it does  
not—and  
cannot—  
preclude me  
from

communicating  
directly with  
those entrusted  
to serve the  
public.

Respectfully,

Aaron C. Knapp

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As an 80% service-connected veteran with PTSD, a NASW-licensed social worker, and a former Crossroads clinician, I have endured a two-year campaign of retaliation, defamation, and unlawful interference at your hands. Now, newly disclosed emails from Assistant Law Director LaVeck —most notably those exchanged with Bill Hegarty, a CSWM FT Board member—confirm beyond doubt:

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**To:** City Council Mail Group; Jack Bradley; Rey Carnon; Patrick Riley; Joel Arredondo; Joe K. Auditor; Garon Petty; Aaron Knapp; Don Zaleski; Radeff, Rocky; Jeanne Petty; Maggie Partin; Tony Cillo; Teresa Upton; Sheriff Jack Hall; Jacob Morris; Michael Scherach; Patrick Ward; david@yeste.com Moore, David; jfr\_74@hotmail.com Jeff Riddell; Mark Campolo; Major Steven Scharschmidt; David Yost AG; Billie Jo Belcher; Lindsay Carr; Chad Kohler; Darryl Tucker; Brad Dicken; Julie Wallace; Brad Dicken; David O'Brien; Carissa Woytach  
**Subject:** Trooper (INDICTED) by Feds | Massive Scandal Implicates Head of Kentucky S...

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rlgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 4, 2025 6:38 PM  
**To:** Sheriff Jack Hall; Tony Cillo; Major Steven Scharschmidt; Billie Jo Belcher; mark campoio; David Yost AG; Lindsay Carr; Chad Kohler; Patrick Riley; Jacob Morris; Aaron Knapp; Jeanne Petty; Michael Scherach  
**Subject:** Location point and cellphone ping data  
**Attachments:** 2025-Ohio-2323.pdf; attachment.txt

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 3, 2025 7:20 PM  
**To:** Joseph Gargasz; andrewgargasz; Timothy Joseph (nephew) Gargasz; Paul Young; Mark Campolo; Mike Gargasz; Michael Scherach; Pauline Sherry; Kate Zvara; Elizabeth Sauer; Maggie Kent; Brian Sarvas; Molly Antill; Anne Olsen; Barb DeFelice; Wanda Gargasz; Janice Gargasz; M. Elissa Cashion; Terry and Marie Hall; Kathy Cucco; Edward Chavez; Robby Zsigray; Mike Campolo; Dan Plow; Wyers; Jeanne Felty; Geron Petty; Jim Dowdell; Robert Zvara; Thomas Hach; Tom Niewulis; Aaron Knapp; Brian Massie; James Ohliger; Wendy Ohliger; STEVEN W KRAUS; William; Bill Poplar; rodeoh2 Beres Tom; Keely Hall; Greg or Leslie Brennan; Patrick Riley; Jack Bradley; GAYLE MANNING; Rey Carrion; City Council Mail Group; Joel Arredondo; Joe K Auditor; Don Zaleski; Radeff; Rocky; Maggie Partin; Teresa Upton  
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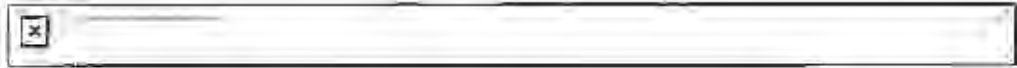
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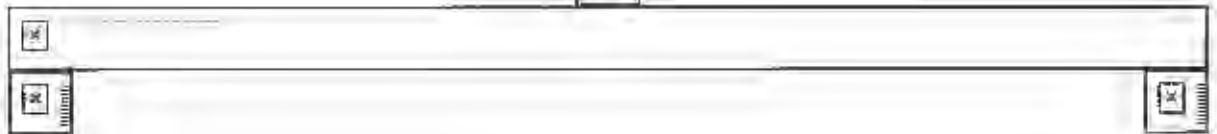
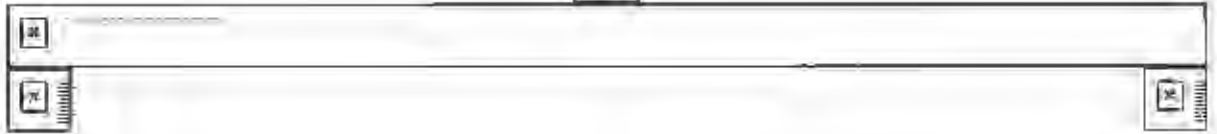
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## Feds now require warning about irreversible heart damage from COVID-19 shots

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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 1, 2025 10:08 AM  
**To:** DiMacchia, Tony; Arredondo, Joel; City Council Mail Group; Dull, Breanna; Bradley, Jack; Zaleski, Don; Patrick Riley; Jacob Morris; Robert J Gargasz  
**Cc:** Mike Mason; Mike Massie; Tony Gillo; Jack Hall; Brad Dicken; Brian Ames; Aaron Knapp; David Yost AG; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; Andrew Geronimo, JD; clandestineanary; Clevescene; Carissa Woytach  
**Subject:** DiMacchia wants action against me for trespassing in the "private" area?  
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Perhaps Mr. DiMacchia and ex Chief McCann needs to learn council rule 41 about entrance into his "private area" as he calls council chambers?

That only applies while a legal meeting is in session.

Joel Arredondo needs refreshed also from his answers to Lt. Morris in his police interview July 3, 2024, page 8 & 9 of his police transcript interview?

**Beko, Michele**

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2025 7:56 PM  
**To:** Rey Carrion  
**Cc:** Michele Beko; Jack Bradley; Lorain daily; Mike Mason; Fox; Noelle Williams; Clevescene  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request – Chief McCann Retirement Agreement

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Dear Records Custodian,

Pursuant to the Ohio Public Records Act (R.C. § 149.43), I am submitting this supplemental request for public records related to the retirement or separation of former Chief James McCann.

Specifically, I am requesting the following:

1. Any and all email communications, memos, or correspondence (including attachments) from January 1, 2025, to present that reference, discuss, or relate to Chief James McCann's retirement or separation agreement;
2. This request applies to emails sent or received by the following city officials:
  - o Mayor Jack Bradley
  - o Rey Carrion
  - o Patrick Riley (Law Director)
  - o Michele Beko
  - o Any member of City Council
  - o Any HR personnel involved in processing the agreement
- 3.
4. Please include communications sent internally (within the City of Lorain), as well as with outside parties (e.g., media, attorneys, unions, or Chief McCann himself).

I am requesting these records in electronic format. You may email them to me at [your email address]. If any responsive documents are withheld or redacted, please provide the legal basis for such action as required by law.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jun 27, 2025, at 19:55, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Carrion,

Thank you for your response. To ensure proper closure of this public records request, can you please confirm the following in writing:

- That there are no records labeled or identified as "Document 1," "Document 2," or "Document 4";
- That the label "Document 3" was not intended to denote part of a sequence;
- That the single PDF file you provided constitutes the complete and only set of documents in the City's possession related to Chief McCann's retirement or separation agreement.

This confirmation will allow me to close this request in good faith, pursuant to R.C. § 149.43.

Sincerely,

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jun 27, 2025, at 16:28, Carrion, Rey <Rey\_Carrion@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Mr. Knapp,

All documents related to the retirement agreement were scanned into one file. There are no additional records on this matter. This is the same information I shared with you two days ago.

Rey

From: Carrion, Rey  
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:36 PM  
To: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Re: Public Records Request – Chief McCann Retirement Agreement

All the documents were scanned under one PDF file, which is what I provided to you. There were no additional documents.

Thank you,

Rey

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Ms. Beko and Director Riley,

Thank you for your previous response indicating that your office did not originate the retirement/separation agreement for former Chief McCann and suggesting I contact the Mayor's Safety/Service Office.

However, I must reiterate that my original public records request, submitted on June 25, 2025, remains only partially fulfilled. The document I received was labeled "Document 3," which clearly implies the existence of at least Documents 1, 2, and 4 as part of a complete record set. Accordingly, I again request the following:

1. Confirmation whether Documents 1, 2, and 4 exist in the city's records related to this matter;
2. If they do exist, copies of those records, in full and unredacted form;
3. If they do not exist, a written confirmation so that I may consider the request closed in good faith.

I respectfully remind you that under Ohio Revised Code § 149.43(B)(2):

If a requester makes an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty making a request for copies or inspection of public records such that the public office or person responsible for the requested public records cannot reasonably identify what public records are being requested, the public office or person responsible for the requested public records shall provide the requester with an opportunity to revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in which records are maintained by the public office and accessed in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's duties.

To that end, if there is any uncertainty or difficulty identifying the documents referenced as 1, 2, or 4, your office is statutorily required to assist me in revising or clarifying the request, rather than redirecting or declining to respond substantively.

Additionally, even if your office did not generate the documents, you remain a public office responsible for compliance with records requests and assisting requesters in accessing documents under your purview or directing them appropriately.

Please respond at your earliest opportunity, as Ohio law requires that public records be made available promptly and in full. Thank you for your attention to this lawful and reasonable request.

Sincerely,

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jun 27, 2025, at 13:08, Beko, Michele  
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**To:** Aaron Knapp  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Public Records Request – Chief McCann Retirement Agreement

I WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE THE WEEK OF JUNE 30TH. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 440.204.2250 – DR CARLE DIRECTLY AT x2866

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!

MICHELE

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:39 AM

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## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2025 2:55 PM  
**To:** City Council Mail Group; Carrion, Rey; Patrick Riley; Beko, Michele; Dull, Breanna; Pantin, Maggie; Bradley, Jack  
**CC:** Robert J Gargas; Aaron Knapp; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; David Yost AG; Tony Cillo; Jackie Conrad; Kathryn Kennedy; Dennis Flores; Brian Ames; Brad Dicken; Carissa Woytach; clandestinecanary; Clevescene; Mike Mason  
**Subject:** Re: Please send the Sunshine Laws certificates

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Please respond President Arredondo.

> On Jun 24, 2025, at 9:08 AM, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:  
>> To: Lorain city council President Arredondo. I have previously requested your certificate > of the Attorney General's  
> Sunshine Laws training course. You have not provided it. Why not?  
>> Isn't council rule 41 in order anymore? As the head of the "high  
>> table" of Lorain's government, > you have failed in your sworn duty  
>> to lead Lorain Council with ethical leadership by producing  
> a certificate of completion of the course. You boast of serving the  
> people, now you have the sworn duty to demonstrate it by producing your certificate and ALL members of council!  
>> Garon Petty  
>> <280d608f-f6d2-4f34-b40c-c383fc25d98a.jpeg>

**Beko, Michele**

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2025 2:49 PM  
**To:** Michele Beko  
**Cc:** Jack Bradley; Rey Carrion; Lorain daily; Mike Mason; Fox & Noelle Williams; Clevescene  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request – Chief McCann Retirement Agreement

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Dear Ms. Beko and Director Riley,

Thank you for your previous response indicating that your office did not originate the retirement/separation agreement for former Chief McCann and suggesting I contact the Mayor's Safety/Service Office.

However, I must reiterate that my original public records request, submitted on June 25, 2025, remains only partially fulfilled. The document I received was labeled "Document 3," which clearly implies the existence of at least Documents 1, 2, and 4 as part of a complete record set. Accordingly, I again request the following:

1. Confirmation whether Documents 1, 2, and 4 exist in the city's records related to this matter;
2. If they do exist, copies of those records, in full and unredacted form;
3. If they do not exist, a written confirmation so that I may consider the request closed in good faith.

I respectfully remind you that under Ohio Revised Code § 149.43(B)(2):

If a requester makes an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty making a request for copies or inspection of public records such that the public office or person responsible for the requested public records cannot reasonably identify what public records are being requested, the public office or person responsible for the requested public records shall provide the requester with an opportunity to revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in which records are maintained by the public office and accessed in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's duties.

To that end, if there is any uncertainty or difficulty identifying the documents referenced as 1, 2, or 4, your office is statutorily required to assist me in revising or clarifying the request, rather than redirecting or declining to respond substantively.

Additionally, even if your office did not generate the documents, you remain a public office responsible for compliance with records requests and assisting requesters in accessing documents under your purview or directing them appropriately.

Please respond at your earliest opportunity, as Ohio law requires that public records be made available promptly and in full. Thank you for your attention to this lawful and reasonable request.

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## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Lorainé Ritchey <lritch7@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2025 1:22 PM  
**To:** Patrick Riley; Tony Cillo; Jack Hall  
**Subject:** Can of worms Pat.) and clarification  
**Attachments:** gargasz.jpg

External sender <lritch7@yahoo.com>

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' , but I know the rest of that story and well as I said not up to me..... Gargasz and Knapp have the bit between their teeth , the CT opinion -I told them they got the opinion wrong re the closing down of the Real LPD facbook page..you know why they had to do that ... and therefore gave credence to Knapps narrative by doing so ..... and they know they have it wrong because I sent everything at the time to them as to how that unfolded.

. And you and the administration KNOW McCann was not the only being less than professional :) his accusers have too. Anyway this will as I told you three years ago snowball..... The turmoil and ongoing speculation is crazy and they are still targeting Mary on their pages with innuendo and veiled threats...I cannot believe no-one has brought up the fact that Gargasz is the attorney of record that is making these statements about her .... e.g.a cancer , contact her insurance company well you have all seen them etc. As I understand it the "dirty cop conversation was between two people and NOT witnessed and yet because it come about the investigators of the He said / he said chose to believe one over the other.... well there you have it and no clarification .... but as I have mentioned if someone is targeted month after month and even your chain of don't do anything I would certainly reire .after all it was only a three day suspension..... smile..... we now have speculation and what , the outrage????? I sit her watching Pat and wonder where is the outrage re St. Joes..... even Bradley called it criminal and to date I can find no-one being held accountable. or in fact any documentation that the City did not involve any of the protocols that they did when taking down the front of St. Joes in 2015 Why?? Why is that I wonder. Oh well past my sell -bye date so I wish clarification and accountability from the City of Lorain and setting records straight , before I drop my clogs. hurry up time is on the short side for this old lady of Lorain... just going on the record once more , Stay Cool Loraine

## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Beko, Michele <Michele\_Beko@cityoflorain.org>  
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**To:** Aaron Knapp  
**Cc:** Bradley, Jack; Carion, Rey  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request – Chief McCann Retirement Agreement

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**Cc:** Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Fox 8 <tips@fox8.com>; Bradley, Jack <Jack\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Jonathan Schuppe <Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com>; jcaniglia@cleveland.com; JCaniglia@plained.com; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Noelle Williams <Noelle.Williams@woio.com>; Clevescene <news@clevescene.com>; newsdesk@kutv2.com  
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