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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 23, 2025 8:51 AM  
**To:** watchdog@oig.ohio.gov; David Yost AG; David O'Brien; Brad Dicken; Carissa Woytach; Garon Petty; City Group; Tony Cillo; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Sheriff Jack Hall; Ted Kalo; Jack Hall; Jack Bradley; Breanna Du'I; Jon Morrow; Jonathan Schuppe  
**Cc:** City Group  
**Subject:** Fwd: ATTENTION SI Phillip Langston Please see attached requested materials  
**Attachments:** Clip.jpg; attachment.html; 12.16.24 Reg Mins.pdf; attachment.html; 12.19.24 Special Call Minutes.pdf; attachment.html; DOC (1).pdf; attachment.html; DOC (2).pdf; attachment.html; Ethics complaint form.pdf; attachment.html; Radeff (03-22-22).pdf; attachment.html; BEFORE THE OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION.pdf; attachment.html

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**Date:** March 19, 2025 at 20:21:41 EDT  
**To:** Sheriff Jack Hall <jhall@loraincountysheriff.com>  
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**Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA**  
NASW Member ID: 886836612

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**To:** Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>; Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 08:21:11 PM EDT  
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**To:** bigjoejones61@gmail.com <bigjoejones61@gmail.com>  
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**To:** ethics@ethics.ohio.gov <ethics@ethics.ohio.gov>; brian.ring@ethics.ohio.gov <brian.ring@ethics.ohio.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 12:08:28 PM EDT  
**Subject:** ATTENTION SI Phillip Langston Please see attached requested materials

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**From:** Dull, Breanna <Breanna\_Dull@cityoflorain.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 11:27 AM  
**To:** Garon Petty  
**Subject:** RE: Violations of Ohio Sunshine Law 121.22  
**Attachments:** 22 Sunshine Law Certs.pdf

Mr. Petty,

Please see the attached in response to your request below.

*Breanna Dull, CMC*  
Clerk of Lorain City Council  
200 West Erie Avenue  
Lorain, Ohio 44052

440.204.2050  
440.204.2521 fax

**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025 1:31 PM  
**To:** Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@OhioAGO.gov>; David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Riley, Patrick <Patrick\_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Dull, Breanna <Breanna\_Dull@cityoflorain.org>; lcp@lcpProsecutor.org; Comer, David <DComer@CityofLorain.org>; Beko, Michele <Michele\_Beko@cityoflorain.org>; Gelenius, Kyle <Kyle\_Gelenius@cityoflorain.org>; Partin, Maggie <Maggie\_Partin@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Soto, Rick <Rick\_Soto@cityoflorain.org>; Kokoski, Lori <Lori\_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>; Arredondo, Joel <joel\_arredondo@cityoflorain.org>  
**Cc:** Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>; Andrew Geronimo, JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>; Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>; Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>; Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>; Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; clandestinecanary <clandestinecanary@proton.me>; Noelle Williams <noelle.williams@woio.com>; Carolyn White <cwhite@centurytell.net>; Stephanie Jablonsky <stephanie.jablonsky@thefire.org>; Institute for Justice <ifj@ij.org>; Dennis Flores <dennisforlorain@gmail.com>; Jon Morrow <greaterlorainareacaucus@gmail.com>; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; sandemeilander@yahoo.com; Elsebeth Baumgartner <baumgartner.elsebeth@yahoo.com>; Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Violations of Ohio Sunshine Law 121.22

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Thank you,  
Garon Petty

Meeting: City Council Regular Meeting  
lorainoh.suiteonemedia.com



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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 10:36 AM  
**To:** Partin, Maggie; Dull, Breanna; City Council Mail Group; Joel Arredondo  
**Cc:** Bradley, Jack; Patrick Riley; Harper, Anita; Soto, Terri; Soto, Rick; Robert J Gargas; Aaron Knapp; Carissa Woytach; Darryl Tucker; Brad Dicken; Michael Scherach; Jackie Conrad; jeanne Petty; rebecca kempton; mark campolo; Mike Mason; Dennis Flores; Kathryn Kennedy; Elsebeth Baumgartner; Andrew Geronimo, JD; clandestinecanary; Clevescene; Noelle Williams; Fox 8; Stephanie Jablonsky; Institute for Justice  
**Subject:** Read Council Rule 3 and 41 at the March 17, 2025 council meeting please.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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Hello Lorain city council clerks Dull, Partin and Lorain city council members.  
I am requesting that council rules 3 and 41 be read at the March 17, 2025 meeting.

Also I am still waiting for my records requests about the Sunshine Laws Certificate of the Council members who have completed the training.

Thank you  
Garon Petty

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 8:27 PM  
**To:** Patrick Ward; Arredondo, Joel; Jack Bradley; Carrio, Rey; McCann, Chief; Morris, Jacob; Zaleski, Don; Bowles, Scott; Radeff, Rocky; Mallory\_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Riley, Patrick; Resar, Kenneth; Joseph LaVeck; Pritchard, Joseph; michele beko@cityoflorain.org; City Council Mail Group; Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty  
**Subject:** Fwd: a person inside the chamber during a committee meeting of Lorain City Council.

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**During a city council meeting** a reporter enters the restricted area of the council chambers; is this a violation of law?

Is she going to be charged with criminal trespass?

Why is Garon F. Petty so charged and he entered on 7/1/24 after the meeting concluded to ask questions of a government official?

Robert J. Gargasz, Esq.  
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**From:** Garon Petty <[garonpetty@roadrunner.com](mailto:garonpetty@roadrunner.com)>

**Date:** Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 7:54 PM

**Subject:** Carissa Witch inside the Sacred Sanctuary during a committee meeting of Lorain City Council.

**To:** Robert J Gargasz <[rjgargasz@gmail.com](mailto:rjgargasz@gmail.com)>, Aaron Knapp <[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)>, Michael Scherach <[mjscherach.law@centurytel.net](mailto:mjscherach.law@centurytel.net)>, Andrew Geronimo, JD <[andrew.geronimo@case.edu](mailto:andrew.geronimo@case.edu)>, Jackie Conrad <[botanist62@hotmail.com](mailto:botanist62@hotmail.com)>, <[VEK6173@aol.com](mailto:VEK6173@aol.com)>, rebecca kempton <[REK5767@aol.com](mailto:REK5767@aol.com)>



Garon Petty was  
live. | By Garon |  
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facebook.com

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 2:06 PM  
**To:** City Council Mail Group; Aaron Knapp; Jack Bradley; Rey Carrion; Joel Arredondo; Patrick Riley; Garon Petty; Don Zaleski; Patrick Riley  
**Cc:** Javier M.young; Rocky Radeff; Mallory holmes@cityoflorain.org; Don Zaleski; Kenneth Resar; Joseph LaVeck; Joseph Pritchard; michele\_beko@cityoflorain.org; Jacob Morris; Chief McCann  
**Subject:** Fwd: 'We got another one': Michigan customers seeking restitution from same contractor discover he's being charged in Ohio

**External sender** <rjgargasz@gmail.com>

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Unlicensed contractors in Lorain cause problems / where does a damaged constituent go when nobody will enforce the Ordinance in Lorain?

Why has this contractor not been prosecuted?

Can Members of City Council find out why?

Thank you.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Javier M.young" <jmarrer6@gmail.com>  
**Date:** March 10, 2025 at 1:56:47 PM EDT  
**To:** "Robert J. Gargasz" <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: 'We got another one': Michigan customers seeking restitution from same contractor discover he's being charged in Ohio

Thank you Mr. Gargasz for staying alert to these issues and similar situations.

Hopefully they can show us some respect and just reply one day.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2025, at 6:40 AM, Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com> wrote:

Consumer Fraud

Javier Young has requested prosecution of an unlicensed contractor who damaged his home in Lorain. Are you going to prosecute this contractor?

<https://www.13abc.com/2025/03/06/we-got-another-one-michigan-customers-seeking-restitution-same-contractor-discover-hes-being-charged-ohio/>

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 7, 2025 8:04 AM  
**To:** City Group; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Robert J. Gargas; David O'Brien; Carissa Woytach; Patrick Riley; Tony Cillo; Jackie Conrad; Garon Petty; Brad Dicken; Sheriff Jack Hall  
**Cc:** David Yost AG; Anthony Nici; Noelle Williams  
**Subject:** Mercy Health

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So we wasted 50 grand to fight this?? This is one more reason you must fire James McCann. I've provided you with the crimes he committed against me and you failed to act. Now he has done it again. Great job protecting the medical professionals of Lorain City.

He is a bully and a thug.

I was Right again.

Contempt charge dismissed  
Dave O'Brien and Carissa Woytach The Chronicle-Telegram

Lorain County Common Pleas Judge Giovanna Bremke has dismissed a request by the county Prosecutor's Office to hold Mercy Health Hospital in Lorain and several of its doctors in criminal contempt for refusing to retrieve suspected illegal drugs from a patient's rectum pursuant to two court-ordered search warrants in August.

A settlement in a federal lawsuit Mercy Health filed against the city of Lorain, city officials and Lorain County also is expected soon, officials said this week.

The Prosecutor's Office filed a motion in her courtroom to dismiss its own complaint, and Bremke granted that request Tuesday, according to Common Pleas Court records. The criminal contempt complaint was the subject of a six-hour hearing Feb. 27 in Bremke's courtroom.

In a filing by Assistant Prosecutor Matt Kern that asked Bremke to dismiss his office's criminal contempt request, he wrote that Mercy Health and the Prosecutor's Office "have agreed to execute a memorandum of understanding to address policies and procedures for future cavity searches."

Federal court records Thursday also said a settlement had been reached in a related lawsuit filed by Mercy Health in U.S. District Court against the city, Police Chief Jim McCann and other officials.

"The parties have confirmed an agreement to settle all matters in dispute," read an entry on the federal court docket. The parties have 30 days to consent to the agreement, according to the entry.

A copy of that settlement agreement had not been made publicly available as of The Chronicle-Telegram's deadline Thursday.

Lorain Safety/Service Director Rey Carrion told The Chronicle-Telegram in a text message that he was advised to refrain from comment until further information was available from all parties involved in the lawsuit.

County Prosecutor Tony Cillo said Thursday all the parties will release a statement soon about the matter.

The Chronicle-Telegram reached out to a Mercy Health spokesperson for comment. The newspaper had not gotten a reply as of deadline Thursday.

Mercy Health is a private, Catholic Church-affiliated health system with hospitals in Lorain, Oberlin and elsewhere. It operates the only hospital in Lorain.

Mercy Health attorneys and Kern argued in Bremke's courtroom Feb. 27 over prosecutors' attempt to hold the hospital in criminal contempt for not abiding by two court-ordered search warrants.

The search warrants ordered the hospital to search for and remove suspected drugs from patient Tony Harris. After arresting Harris, 31, on Aug. 10, Lorain police did a strip search and full body scan that led them to believe there was a baggie of suspected drugs in his rectum.

Citing medical ethics and the advice of its legal counsel, Mercy Health refused to honor a warrant approved by former Judge James Miraldi, then a second approved by Judge Christopher Rothgery.

An examination of Harris without his consent, whether with a doctor's fingers or an endoscope - a tube with a camera in it - would have been a violation of medical ethics, Mercy Health President Gil Palmer and gastroenterologist Dr. Alok Jain testified Feb. 27.

Allowing the alleged drugs or foreign object to "pass" naturally in a bowel movement was the most-acceptable alternative, Mercy Health argued. Its doctors testified they would have expected Harris to excrete any foreign objects during his stay in the hospital.

There were also concerns the baggie might rip during a physical or endoscopic examination. If it did, the drugs could have been absorbed by Harris' body and he could have died from an overdose.

The Prosecutor's Office saw it differently: Mercy Health willfully ignored a court order because its attorneys were worried about being sued, not because the hospital had a "conscientious objection" to doing a rectal exam, Kern argued in court.

Kern also suggested it could have been just as dangerous to leave a baggie of suspected drugs inside Harris, and that doctors were skilled enough to safely use an endoscope to see it and then remove it.

Harris spent nearly two days in the hospital. He consented to one CT scan and drank laxatives, but refused doctors' attempts to do a physical exam or an endoscopy. McCann eventually ordered an officer to issue Harris a summons to appear in court and release him.

No baggie of suspected drugs came out of Harris in a bowel movement, nor was it ever confirmed there were any drugs inside him. Mercy Health doctors said scans showed either a "foreign body" or simply feces.

Prosecutors charged Harris with, and he pleaded not guilty to, felony evidence tampering and obstructing official business in Common Pleas Court. He is free on bond.

Lorain police arrested Harris, a convicted cocaine trafficker, after a traffic stop on a car they saw leaving a suspected drug house early on the morning of Aug. 10.

Harris allegedly acted suspiciously before and after his arrest, and Lorain police said officers felt something in his pants that wasn't part of his anatomy. He was eventually released from the hospital and police custody on Aug. 12.

Cillo previously said that if the hospital had a problem with the warrant, it should have said so in court. A medical ethicist told The Chronicle-Telegram that Harris had the right to refuse any treatment or procedures.

Mercy Health, Palmer and Jain sued McCann, the city of Lorain and Lorain County on Dec. 31 in U.S. District Court. It alleged violations of its right to free exercise of religion, due process and equal protection violations and retaliation, among other claims.

McCann terminated the hospital's seven-year-old security police operating agreement with the city effective Jan. 1, allegedly in retaliation for its refusal to comply with the search warrants.

City officials including McCann denied the allegations in Mercy Health's lawsuit. The city allocated \$50,000 in taxpayer money to fight the lawsuit.

Contact Dave O'Brien at (440) 329-7129 or [dobrien@chroniclet.com](mailto:dobrien@chroniclet.com). Contact Carissa Woytach at (440) 329-7245 or [cwoytach@chroniclet.com](mailto:cwoytach@chroniclet.com).

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**To:** Comer,David; Ted Kalo; Patrick Riley; Joseph LaVeck; Zaleski, Don; mallory\_holmes@cityoflorain.org; rradeff@sheffieldlake.net; City Council Mail Group; Joe K Auditor; Soto, Rick; Bradley, Jack; Rocky\_Radef@cityoflorain.org; clerkofcourts@sheffieldlake.net; David Graves; Lorain Police; McCann, James - Chief; Jacob Morris  
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**Subject:** Public Records needed from Lorain and Sheffield Lake

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To ALL Lorain and Sheffield Lake Officials please send me per 149.43 ALL electronic communications between any Lorain official receiving this email, and the Sheffield Lake Mayor/Safety Director and the Law Director of Sheffield Lake, Ohio from Jan1, 2024 until the present.

Please respond,  
Garon Petty

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**Cc:** Jon Schuppe; Craig Snodgrass; Joe K Auditor; auditor@loraincounty.us; Special investigations unit State Of Ohio; Chief McCann; City Council Mail Group; Joel Arredondo; Darryl Tucker; Sheriff Jack Hall  
**Subject:** Lorain Politics Unplugged - YouTube

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRL1y1VILBs>

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**To:** Bradley, Jack; Patrick Riley; Joseph LaVeck; McCann, James - Chief; Jacob Morris; mallory\_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Zaleski, Don; Beko, Michele; Rocky\_Radef@cityoflorain.org; Soto, Rick; Soto, Terri; Joe K Auditor; Ted Kalo; City Council Mail Group; Harper, Anita; Carrion, Rey  
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**Subject:** Police are supposed to be at Monday meetings in Full Gear? Make it Happen?  
**Attachments:** 464091392\_8317617415003334\_6771831068328615854\_n.jpeg

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:20 AM  
**To:** City Council Mail Group  
**Cc:** Aaron Knapp; Joel Arredondo; Patrick Riley; Garon Petty; jeanne Petty; Peter Tower; Jessie Tower; Special investigations unit State Of Ohio; David Yost AG; Lindsay Carr Attorney General; Joe K Auditor  
**Subject:** Demand cuts to salaries!

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Who did this to the taxpayers of Lorain?

The people need to sharpen their pitch forks and protest against these corrupt politicians and damn fools!

How many even knew they were duped?

Why did this happen?

Citizens demand answers!  
Budget discussions In The SUNSHINE Please!

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**Subject:** Let the good times roll.

Doing great for himself while committing crimes against Disabled Veterans! James McCann, police Chief. #3 nationwide. Wow.

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:49 AM  
**To:** CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org; Carissa Woytach; David Comer; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Brad Dicken; Robert J. Gargas; Rey Carrion; Patrick Riley; Jackie Conrad; Ted Kalo; Sheriff Jack Hall; Joseph LaVeck  
**Subject:** Let the good times roll.

**External sender <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>**

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Doing great for himself while committing crimes against Disabled Veterans! James McCann, police Chief. #3 nationwide. Wow.

08:43

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- **U.S. Army General**  
– \$225,698.40
- **Lorain Fire Chief -**
- **Lorain City School**

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 10:35 AM  
**To:** Jacob Morris; City Group; Robert Gargas; Garon Petty; Brad Dicken; David O'Brien; Jack Bradley; Garon Petty; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Tony Cillo; Sheriff Jack Hall  
**Subject:** Crime

**External sender** <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
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Last night, on video, Tia Hilton disrupted a public meeting. When asked to leave she refused multiple times.

If you charged Garon you must charge her. She made me fearful with what she said, she told someone their "days were numbered" it's on video. Will you prosecute her as you are Garon Party?

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 10:13 AM  
**To:** City Group; Patrick Riley; Joseph LaVeck; Robert J. Gargas; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Brad Dicken  
**Subject:** Records request

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Please provide me the investigation that you stated in the paper you were doing into my complaint on Mr. Baez. I assume you completed it. As it was reported I'd like a copy.

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 10:10 PM  
**To:** Jeff Graham; CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Tony Cillo; Brad Dicken; Sheriff Jack Hall; Ted Kalo; Robert J. Gargas; Sherry Glass  
**Subject:** Re: (4) Division (D) of this section does not require, authorize, or permit the dissemination of any records or any information contained in any records if the dissemination of the records or information generally is prohibited by any provision of the Rev

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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It means stand up for the kids and ask them to redact it. You have this powerful position use it for good. Do the right thing. This is punishment. Advocate for our kids Jeff. Tell them to redact it. I'm being very uncomplimentary because I believe you can make this happen. Hasn't this family suffered enough???

If you won't do it for this child you won't do it for any of them. What if this was one of your kids information???

And teachers names are on it.

We dont put juvenile pictures and private information online. Explain how did they get the documents???

You need to provide the law because you haven't.

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 21:25, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

As I shared, I haven't shared any law.

The police are not our covered entity. We don't and shouldn't have any influence over them.

I don't understand the rationale for your last few sentences.

I am neither a coward nor someone who "knuckles under" (although I don't understand the reference, it doesn't sound complimentary).

Thanks Aaron,

Jeff

On Feb 14, 2025, at 7:48 PM, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Then provide me with the law you're citing please. Your attorney should be able to do that. The police are your covered entity. You can't put this online. Do t be a coward. Do the right thing instead of knuckling under.

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 18:41, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

This and many other things are not my area of expertise. Instead, I follow the advice of the experts who give us advice. Regardless, I appreciate your comments.

I look forward to learning more with you, Aaron.

Jeff

On Feb 14, 2025, at 5:45 PM, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

A "covered entity" under FERPA refers to any educational institution or agency that receives federal funding, meaning they are subject to the regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and must protect student privacy within their records; this includes public schools, school districts, and post-secondary institutions, essentially any entity handling student educational information that is federally funded.

Key points about covered entities and FERPA:

- **Who is covered:**  
Public and private schools that receive federal funding are considered covered entities under FERPA.
- **What is protected:**  
FERPA protects "education records," which are any records directly related to a student that are maintained by an educational institution.
- **What is not covered:**  
Private schools that do not receive federal funding are generally exempt from FERPA

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 17:23, Aaron  
Knapp  
<a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
wrote:

So you did not get it in writing. Pay  
please. I want to see it. It is illegal.  
I've verified it with multiply  
attorneys. One is consulting the  
Hildrith's that I recommended. So  
see what happens if you leave I'll  
documents online. Get it in  
writing.

I dont need encouragement.  
Provide me the law that states you  
are in compliance please.  
Otherwise when I elevate this after  
you agreed it was a FERPA  
violation we will have an issue. I  
recorded the conversation on my  
phone. Have fun ignoring this  
blatant violation of the law. So you  
would share my child's  
information like this Elton?  
That answers my question on if I  
can trust you with my kids  
information. I cannot. You will give  
it to the cops.

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 16:30, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

I will follow the advice of our legal counsel. Since it came in the form of a conversation, I would rather not pay more for him to put it in writing. With that being said, I would never discourage you from following up with whatever means you deem appropriate.

Thanks Aaron,

Jeff

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Knapp  
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wrote:

So you believe that releasing this documentation is legal? Can you provide the law on why your attorney believe this to be true? I plan to move forward with a Civil Suit if you leave it up.

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On Friday, February 14, 2025 at 02:49:22 PM EST, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

Thanks Aaron,

As I shared when

we met, I agree that if the district posted that information, it would've been a violation of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). I also shared that I would reach out to district counsel for advice on how to proceed. It was explained to me that this was not a FERPA violation.

On a side note, I truly appreciate you helping raise our children on our Southside. I

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The original complaint sent Rey Carrion then to Jack Bradley that went ignored

(Superintendent has since agreed that it was FERPA protected)

Again maybe I'm wrong, but in a follow up to my Board I applied the following laws to my decision making process and wanted to share them with

you. By letting the department know I feel like I was trying to prevent a crime from occurring?

Section 2151.14 | Duties and powers of probation department - records - command assistance.

Ohio Revised Code/Title 21 Courts-Probate - Juvenile/Chapter 2151 Juvenile Court

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d Code when a child has been found to be a juvenile traffic offender, the court may issue an order requiring boards of education, governing bodies of chartered nonpublic schools, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, probation departments, law enforcement agencies, and prosecuting attorneys that have records related to the child in questio

n to provide copies of one or more specified records, or specified information in one or more specified records, that the individual or entity has with respect to the child to any of the following individuals or entities that request the records in accordance with division (D)(3)(a) of this section:

(a) The child;

(b) The attorney or guardian ad litem of the child;  
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(c) A parent, guardian, or custodian of the child;

(d) A prosecuting attorney;

(e) A board of education of a public school district;

(f) A probation department of a juvenile court;

(g) A public children services agency or private child placing agency that has custody of the child, is providing services to the child or the child's family, or is preparing a social history

or performing any other function for the juvenile court;

(h) The department of youth services when the department has custody of the child or is performing any services for the child that are required by the juvenile court or by statute;

(i) The individual in control of a juvenile detention or rehabilitation facility to which the child has been committed;

(j) An employee of the

juvenile court that found the child to be an unruly child, a delinquent child, or a juvenile traffic offender;

(k) Any other entity that has custody of the child or is providing treatment, rehabilitation, or other services for the child pursuant to a court order, statutory requirement, or other arrangement.  
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(2) Any individual or entity listed in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (k) of this section

may file a motion with the court that requests the court to issue an order as described in division (D)(1) of this section. If such a motion is filed, the court shall conduct a hearing on it. If at the hearing the movant demonstrates a need for one or more specified records, or for information in one or more specified records, related to the child in question and additionally demonstrates the

relevance of the information sought to be obtained from those records, and if the court determines that the limitation specified in division (D)(4) of this section does not preclude the provision of a specified record or specified information to the movant, then the court may issue an order to a designated individual or entity to provide the movant with copies of one or more

specified records or with specified information contained in one or more specified records .

(3)(a) Any individual or entity that is authorized by an order issued pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section to obtain copies of one or more specified records , or specified information, related to a particular child may file a written request for copies of the records or for the

information with any individual or entity required by the order to provide copies of the records or the information. The request shall be in writing, describe the type of records or the information requested, explain the need for the records or the information, and be accompanied by a copy of the order.

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request because it is prohibited by law from doing so, or unless the requesting individual or entity does not have authority to obtain the requested records or information. If the individual or entity determines that it is unable to comply with the request, it shall file a motion with the court that issued the order requesting the court to determine the extent to which it is required to

comply with the request for records or information. Upon the filing of the motion, the court immediately shall hold a hearing on the motion, determine the extent to which the movant is required to comply with the request for records or information, and issue findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of its determination. The determination of the court shall be final. If the court

determines that the movant is required to comply with the request for records or information, it shall identify the specific records or information that must be supplied to the individual or entity that requested the records or information.

(c) If an individual or entity is required to provide copies of one or more specified records pursuant to division (D) of this section, the individual or entity

may charge a fee for the copies that does not exceed the cost of supplying them.

**(4) Division (D) of this section does not require**

**, authorize, or permit the dissemination of any records or any information contained in any records if the dissemination of the records or information generally is prohibited by any provision of the Revised Code and a specific**

**provision of the Revised Code does not specifically authorize or permit the dissemination of the records or information pursuant to division (D) of this section . (yet disseminate they did)**

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(A) If the court orders the records of a person sealed pursuant to section 2151.356 of the Revised Code, the person who is subject of the order properly may, and the court shall, reply that no record exists with respect to the person upon any inquiry in the matter, and the court, except as provided in division (D) of this section,

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(F) No officer or employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions shall knowingly release, disseminate, or make available for any purpose involving employment, bonding, licensin g, or education to any person or to any depart

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available of which is not expressly permitted by this section. Whoever violates this division is guilty of divulging confidential information, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (This is the scary one)

Just wanted to share and say in the end all they had to say in response was that I was wrong if that is what they felt. I sign everything with my credentials because I am proud

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 10:38 AM  
**To:** Maggie Partin; City Council Mail Group; Patrick Riley; Joel Arredondo; Rey Carrion; Don Zaleski; Jack Bradley; Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty; Joe K Auditor; Jeanne Petty  
**Subject:** Re: 2.17 Regular Meeting Agenda

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Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

Please present this communication to Council members.

To Lorain City Council:

The Lorain City Auditor has been quoted in the paper in today's newspaper concerning his determination of instability of city finances.

He has described a condition you all have created that has placed Lorain, Ohio on a course to crash into a rocky shoreline of reality.

You are spending more money than you have to spend!!

You knew when you were spending it that this was not sustainable. You intentionally did this reckless spending!!

WHY DID YOU DO THIS? Citizens want Truthful Answers (full transparency on this malfeasance and abuse to the public treasury).

City Council controls the purse strings: are you all drunks, drug addicted, incompetent, uneducated, unqualified, stupid, corrupted, deaf, mute, blind, and dumb??

This has been building like storm clouds on the horizon but now it has reached financial death to Lorain status!

Not that you gave a shat, (ignoring my musing on the dangers of your financial mismanagement over the past several years), but you must plan now for a financial rebuild.

You cannot keep the ship off the rocks. Like the Biden Administration you all have contributed to misrepresenting the truth and/or have lied to us.

You claimed the money was available for these massive pay raises doled out by helicopter federal funds when it was inflationary and incapable of sustainable spending.

Now you're unable to pay your bills and you (We the People of Lorain) are BROKE!

Prepare now for the unavoidable and inevitable Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy proceedings and be prepared to reject all your labor agreements.

Ask for concessions from your bloated labor agreements and management salaries.

All must suffer! You need to tell the employees to prepare for a 40% cut in their gross salaries. Payroll must be slayed and expenses reduced.

You will need to do more with less. The days of milk, honey, and corrupt spending are over.

Detroit is a useful example of where you are headed.

COUNCIL: Can we hear your Thoughts and declarations? Why did you vote to run the ship aground. Point the finger as to who is to blame.

Gargasz, Robert J.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2025, at 9:15 AM, Partin, Maggie <Maggie\_Partin@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

❄️ Happy Friday! ❄️

The agenda and packet for Monday, February 17th Regular Meeting has been posted.  
[http://destinyhosted.com/agenda\\_publish.cfm?id=56724](http://destinyhosted.com/agenda_publish.cfm?id=56724)

The meeting begins at **6:00pm**.

Happy Valentines Day ❤️ Have a great weekend!

**Maggie Partin**

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