

begin your political meetings in crack houses now with passed out scantily dressed Lady in Black lying around in a drug induced stupor?

Democrats the ship is singing a losing tune. Abandon that boat and come over to the Party of Lincoln. Free yourselves from that Godless, woke, corrupt, poisonous, treasonous cult and party of war and fear mongering.

The Republican Party invites you to begin anew, repent and change. Support the Republic, its Constitution and The Bill of Rights! Are you a Patriot?

Will you condemn those amongst you who represent an evil to America, Lorain County, and especially the People of Lorain, Ohio (The International City)?

Mr. Wysocki, thank you for protecting our school children while on a field trip. invaded by so many dangerous and violent gangs, rapists, robbers, thieves all are criminals illegal aliens.

In my OPINION Gargasz lumps all his enemies and enemies of the nation in one email including the Red headed devil (his main target.) in with who the Marxist Anarchists and communists to be machined gunned down at stacked like cord wood on the steps of city hall

Lorraine Ritchey

From:lritch7@yahoo.com

To:James - Chief McCann

Cc:Patrick Riley

Bcc:Lor Ritch,Mary Springowski

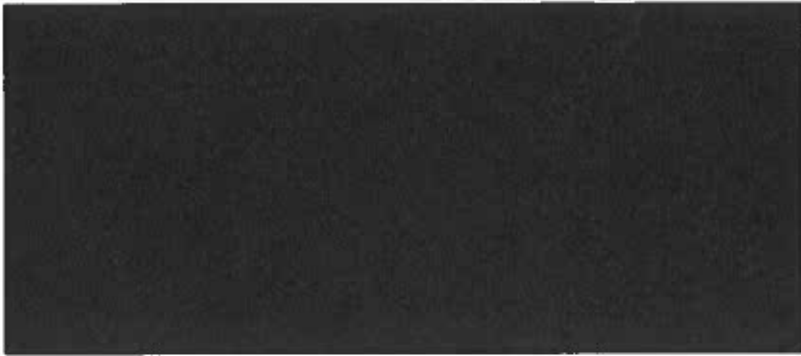
Sat, Jan 14, 2023 at 2:12 PM

Dear Chief McCann,

As I have made you aware I am very concerned as to the seemingly escalating rhetoric by Mr. Petty with regard to Mrs. Springowski. His latest tirade on the forums re the data breach is very worrying to me. As you are aware I was very involved with the data breach situation and have taken insults and innuendo galore. I wrote a 23 page report on the whole situation. People have only a limited amount of information and half truths and sound bites are being bandied about at the cost of reputations of perfectly innocent people. .

Having been on the forums this morning trying to clarify what really happened. I understand that not only did Mr. Petty reach out to the Mayor , Law Director etc but to you with regard to Mrs. Springowski and his conclusions of criminal intent . This was fueled , **IN MY OPINION by a chastising statement made by Mayor Bradley with regard to Mrs. Springowski , the IRS etc. Should you require a copy of that exchange I have the minutes and also the information being put out on the forum. the City council meeting November 2022. My concern is for the welfare of my friend .**

Therefore, please find a public records request to your Dept. with regard to any correspondence electronic or otherwise, and please make note of my concerns with this persons actions.



**Robert Gargas: 'Marxist anarchists' and
'communists' should be shot, 's...**

Robert Gargas, the Republican candidate for Lorain County
Prosecutor, has publicly called for the killing of "M...

So if any of you can't hold bullying accountable for a member of City of Lorain Government then
PLEASE tell me who can!!!!

Thank you Loraine Ritchey

Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 5:09 PM
To: Molly Antill; Molly Antill; Kate Zvara; Pauline Sherry; Mark Campolo; Timothy Joseph Gargasz; Keely Hall; Terry and Marie Hall; Mike Gargasz; Brian Sarvas; Michael Scherach; Elizabeth Sauer; Joseph Gargasz; Anne Olsen; Maggie Kent; M. Elissa Cachon; Wanda Gargasz; Barb DeFelice; andrewgargasz; Robby Zsigray; Janice Gargasz; Edward Chavez; Kathy Cucco; jeanne Petty; Dan Plow; Mike Campolo; James Ohliger; Wendy Ohliger; Aaron Knapp; Kirsten Hill; William. Bill Poplar; Garon Petty; Don Killinger; Chuck Butterfield; Robert Gargasz; Tomie Patton; Candace Owens; david@yesce.com Moore, David; jfr_74@hotmail.com Jeff Riddel; Tony Cillo; Jack Hall; Joel Arredondo; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Teresa Upton; Koziura, Joseph; Riley, Patrick; Morris, Jacob; Zaleski, Don; City Council Mail Group; David Yost AG; Radeff, Rocky; Aaron Knapp; Lindsay Carr; Bowles, Scott; Congressman Jordan
Cc: LLC Renz Law; N. Ana Garner; Phyllis Crespo; Michael Hamilton; Joey Gilbert; F. R. Jenkins; renzlawllc@gmail.com; Jonathan Diener; Eric Jones; nigro; Jessie Tower; Peter Tower
Subject: Do not take any more Covid gene therapy poison shots.
Attachments: 6th cir religious discrimination.pdf; attachment.txt

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From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 5:33 PM
To: Harper, Anita; Beko, Michele; Patrick Riley; Bradley, Jack; City Council Mail Group; Ted Kalo; Soto, Terri; Dull, Breanna
Cc: Robert J Gargas; Aaron Knapp; Michael Scherach; Brad Dicken; Darryl Tucker; Dan Gilles; Jackie Conrad; Dennis Flores; Tom Niewulis; Mike Mason; Brian Ames; William Bobel; mark campolo; lcp@lcpsecutor.org; Lindsay Carr; rebecca kempton
Subject: Item C of the Board of Control

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To whoever has the Public Records in Lorain government,

Please send me by 149.43 ORC the Total amount of money paid to Wickens, Herzer and Panza Law firm for services in case # 20cv200713 Lorain Common Pleas, from March of 2020 until the present by the city of Lorain.

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Thank you ,
Garon Petty

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 11:03 AM
To: LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org; LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org; City Group; Brad Dicken; Robert J. Gargas; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Patrick Riley; Tony Cillo; Rey Carrion; Joseph LaVeck; Jackie Conrad; Ted Kalo
Subject: Fwd: Who was driving Cruiser 106?

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I agree the meeting is open to the public. But we don't have time to attend every meeting. The questions feel valid as you are voting in a large expenditure. That being said I believe the response you were looking for was:

Mr. Petty, I appreciate your concerns regarding the monetary obligations of the city regarding the damages created by City Vehicles. And while I don't have this Public Record you are requesting available at this time I am the Mayor and as such it would be my responsibility, nay, my pleasure to ensure this request gets to the right party. I would do this for any constituent as it is the law and as a the Mayor I always follow sunshine laws. I will ensure this is forwarded to the proper departments for fulfillment (as I am required to do under the Sunshine Laws). If you don't receive a response back from someone by Friday please email me back Monday Morning and I will address this matter further.

Also as you've not brought this concern up I feel it is my job, nay my solemn duty, as Mayor and an Attorney to look into this matter deeper as my ethical code would mandate.

Thank you for reaching out,

Sincerely...

Please if you could forward this request to the proper people we would appreciate it.

Make it a wonderful day. And Drive Safely, those Streets are dangerous! I have to go get another tire repairs soon myself.

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

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Date: February 12, 2025 at 11:00:49 EST
To: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Cc: Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>, Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>
Subject: Re: Who was driving Cruiser 106?

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On Feb 12, 2025, at 10:43, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bradley, Jack" <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>
Subject: Re: Who was driving Cruiser 106?
Date: February 12, 2025 at 10:39:20 AM EST
To: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>, Rey Carrion <reycarrion@icloud.com>, "Kalo, Ted" <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>, "Riley, Patrick" <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>, City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>, "McCann, James - Chief" <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>, "Gelenius, Kyle" <Kyle_Gelenius@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Darryl Tucker <dtucker@morningjournal.com>, Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>, Clevescene <news@clevescene.com>, Fox 8 <tips@fox8.com>, "lcp@lcprosecutor.org" <lcp@lcprosecutor.org>, Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@OhioAGO.gov>

This matter is before the Board of Control this morning at 11:15 A.M. The meeting is open to the public. I am not in possession of any of the items you reference in your email. Jack

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 10:29 AM
To: Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Rey Carrion <reycarrion@icloud.com>; Kalo, Ted <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>; Gelenius, Kyle <Kyle_Gelenius@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; Darryl Tucker <dtucker@morningjournal.com>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Clevescene <news@clevescene.com>; Fox 8 <tips@fox8.com>; lcp@lcprosecutor.org <lcp@lcprosecutor.org>; Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@OhioAGO.gov>
Subject: Who was driving Cruiser 106?

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Good morning Mayor and Safety Service Director and Lorain officials,

Cruiser 106 of Lorain Police department backed into a fence and did over \$9,800.00 damage to the cruiser and fence. How did that cruiser do it?

Was any human driving 106 disciplined? Was anyone charged in Lorain Municipal Court? Is the driver going to reimburse the Lorain Taxpayers? Who was the driver of cruiser 106? When did the crash occur? Was the cruiser/driver ticketed? What was the court determination of the crash? Why wasn't the Citizens of Lorain told about the crash? What was the court case number if any? Where is the cruiser being repaired?

Did the fence company (Rolen Bros) make the only bid to repair the fence along with other companies?

A copy of the police report for over \$9,800.00 per 149.43 ORC please.

Thank you,
Garon Petty

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Board of Control

Meeting Date:

02/12/20

Subject:

A request from the Department of Public Property, on behalf of 1501 Black River Blvd by Rolen Bros. Fence Co., Inc. for Cruiser 106 backed into the fence, causing damage to both the cruiser and fence. The City will issue payment for total damages minus our \$5,000.00. Account 2590.S400.6400.2200, Maintenance of Facilities

Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 7:38 PM
To: Rey Carrion; City Council Mail Group; Patrick Riley; Joel Arredondo; Don Zaleski; Kenneth Resar; Joseph Pritchard; Joseph LaVeck; Jack Bradley; Joe K Auditor; Radeff, Rocky; Scott Bowles; michele_beko@cityoflorain.org; Maggie Partin; Mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org
Cc: Chief McCann; Kyle Gelenius; Jacob Morris; Erin Graham; public Records Requests; Aaron Knapp
Subject: Fwd: can we get some attention to resolving this constituent's recognized safety issues at the school?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Date: February 12, 2025 at 7:22:11 PM EST
To: Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org>, Jack Bradley <jack_bradley@cityoflorain.org>, Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>, City Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>, Brad Dicken <bdicken@chroniclet.com>, David O'Brien <dobrien@chroniclet.com>, Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com>, Lori Garcia <lori_garcia@cityoflorain.org>, "Robert J. Gargasz" <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Cc: Melissa Morgan <mmorgan@loraincsd.org>, Takisha Jackson <tjackson@loraincsd.org>
Subject: Re: Thoughts

If you speak to Ms Jackson she can explain. But currently the traffic flow backs up in the driveway because nobody pulls forward. Currently they have limited space and parking in front but lots of grass areas. I plan to draw up a proposal for you. The traffic flow of "no left turn" sign would most likely be ignored. If it was not ignored everyone would go down and turn around. The easy fix is placing signs to tell parents to pull forward and create that habit with them. The flashing school lights are because that street is busy and the kids and parents are speeding and running through there. I've seen streets with less traffic have a flashing light for school zone.

The benefits are a safer school zone for everyone. And again if you put up a no left turn sign people are still going to try. Putting a flashing light may help.

If you say out there for one day in the morning. Then go back at dismissal then you would even have to ask the question.

I challenge you to go watch the spectacle of the mornings and dismissals at Southview and tell me we don't need a new plan. If you can do that and still think a flashing light won't help then I will be shocked.

You have to go witness it for yourself. I do t feel safe.

You would talk to the streets department. Usually your 6th Ward Council would handle it but he was holding office illegally. I'll cc thecity council and they can maybe direct it appropriately.

I've CCd Lori Garcia. Lorain City

What we are asking here is Tacoma is pot hole city again but we are just looking to get the area in front of the entrance to the school repaired and add in a flashing school light.

Currently every morning is a traffic jam. We need a long term solution. Putting a no "left turn" sign up only helps in the dismissal and that would change city traffic flows in and out of the school. At minimum a school zone sign with flashing lights. Maybe widen the opening to allow a turn lane?

But for now a flashing school light and pot holes repaired would be amazing!

Make it a wonderful night!

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

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On Feb 12, 2025, at 18:38, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

Thanks Aaron,

Although I'm not sure I understand the benefits, I copied Tony on this and will ask him to reach out to the appropriate department at the City to learn more.

Jeff

On Feb 12, 2025, at 5:49 PM, Aaron Knapp
<a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

I'm in the concert. Great job to the band!

Thoughts:

We need a flashing yellow school lights by Southview. And we need to consider how stopping the left turns will reroute traffic. Just thoughts of a future councilman. But flashing yellow lights definitely and if everyone would pull forward the turn issue resolves itself.

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 11:32 PM
To: Jeff Graham; David O'Brien; David Yost AG; Brad Dicken; Garon Petty; Robert J. Gargas; Tony Cillo; City Group; Jack Bradley; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion
Subject: (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

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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

(D)(1) In accordance with division (D)(2) of this section, subject to the limitation specified in division (D)(4) of this section, and in connection with a disposition pursuant to section 2151.354 of the Revised Code when a child has been found to be an unruly child, a disposition pursuant to sections 2152.19 and 2152.20 of the Revised Code when a child has been found to be a delinquent child, or a disposition pursuant to sections 2152.20 and 2152.21 of the Revised 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 question 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; (me)
- (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. (me)

(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.

(b) If an individual or entity that is required by an order issued pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section to provide one or more specified records, or specified information, related to a child receives a written request for the records or information in accordance with division (D)(3)(a) of this section, the individual or entity immediately shall comply with the request to the extent it is able to do so, unless the individual or entity determines that it is unable to comply with the 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)

The above clearly shows that while the Police had access to the documentation from the school as well as the Juvenile court due to an Order Generated by the Grand Jury that required those entries to turn the documents over for purpose of the investigation being conducted it CLEARLY did not give the Lorain Police the right to publicly disseminate the records to Facebook and beyond. After reading the response and seeing the unredacted documentation I felt I had a duty and obligation to report that to the appropriate people and that was the Clerk of the Courts, The Sherriff of the County (The actual protector of the court records) and the Lorain Police the agency that had posted them.

It feels like the Police Department is upset that I added my professional "titles" on my complaint. It also feels like they are possibly not upset about my titles at all and are maybe trying to protect their carefully constructed narrative? It also really feels a bit retaliatory in how they are going about silencing their critics.

Also please refer to:

Section 2151.356 | Sealing of juvenile court records.

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

(A) The records of a case in which a person was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2907.02 of the Revised Code shall not be sealed under this section.

(B)(1) The juvenile court shall promptly order the immediate sealing of records pertaining to a juvenile in any of the following circumstances:...

Section 2151.357 | Response respecting sealed records - index - limited inspection.

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

(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, shall do all of the following:

...

(2) Any entry regarding a sealed record in the index of sealed records shall not contain either of the following:

(a) The social security number of the person who is subject of the sealed record;

(b) The name or a description of the act committed.

(E) Inspection of records that have been ordered sealed under section 2151.356 of the Revised Code may be made only by the following persons or for the following purposes:

(1) By the court;

...

(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, licensing, or education to any person or to any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the state or of any of its political subdivisions any information or other data concerning any arrest, taking into custody, complaint, indictment, information, trial, hearing, adjudication, or correctional supervision, the records of which have been sealed pursuant to section 2151.356 of the Revised Code and the release, dissemination, or making 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 of them but also in this situation it signified why I was being so particular. I believe I even said that in my official complaint that this complaint was low key different than the very public First Amendment one.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA(p)
NASW Member ID: 886836612

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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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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!

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Why keep trying to punish this kid and leave this on a government website?

Will you do the same to my child? Follow the law please.

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.

INFORMATION SHARING: FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

What Is *FERPA*?

FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student *education records*. The law applies to all educational agencies and institutions that receive funds under any U.S. Department of Education program. *FERPA* gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students." The Student Privacy Policy Office at the U.S. Department of Education administers *FERPA*.

***FERPA* protects the rights of parents or eligible students to**

- Inspect and review education records;
- Seek to amend education records; and
- Consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information (PII) from education records, except as specified by law.

For a thorough review of *FERPA*, in addition to what is provided, please see the implementing regulations for *FERPA*, found in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 99, and the resources and guidance documents listed.

What Are "Education Records?"

Different types of records and information may be protected by *FERPA* if determined to be "education records." Education records are protected by *FERPA* and are broadly defined as records that are directly related to a student and maintained by an educational agency or institution, or by a party acting for the agency or institution.

The non-exhaustive chart shows several examples of what types of records generally *are* and *are not* considered to be education records.

EDUCATION RECORDS	NOT EDUCATION RECORDS
Transcripts	Records that are kept in the sole possession of the maker and used only as personal memory aids

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Disciplinary records	Law enforcement unit records
Standardized test results	Grades on peer-graded papers before they are collected and recorded by a teacher
Health (including mental health) and family history records	Records created or received by a school after an individual is no longer in attendance and that are not directly related to the individual's attendance at the school
Records on services provided to students under the <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i> (IDEA)	Employee records that relate exclusively to an individual in that individual's capacity as an employee
Records on services and accommodations provided to students under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the ADA's	Information obtained through a school official's personal knowledge or observation and not from the student's education records

See the discussion under “Balancing Safety and Privacy” for more detail on law enforcement units under *FERPA*, what constitutes a law enforcement unit record, and how these records may be used.

Who May Access *FERPA*-Protected Education Records?

“School officials with a legitimate educational interest” may access *FERPA*-protected education records. Schools determine the criteria for who is considered a school official with a legitimate educational interest under *FERPA* regulations, and it generally includes teachers, counselors, school administrators, and other school staff.

The term “school official with a legitimate educational interest” may also include contractors, consultants, volunteers, and other parties if those individuals

- Perform an institutional service or function for which the agency or institution would otherwise use employees;
- Are under the direct control of the agency or institution with respect to the use and maintenance of education records; and
- Are subject to the requirements of 34 CFR § 99.33(a), which specifies that individuals who receive information from education records may use the information only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made and which generally prohibits the redisclosure of PII from education records to any other party without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student. There are, however, exceptions to this prohibition.

In addition, schools must annually notify parents and eligible students of their rights under *FERPA*, and must include in this notification the criteria for who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest.

This means that if a school wishes to consider non-employee members of its threat assessment team (TAT), its contracted counseling, nursing, service, or security staff, its school resource officers (SROs), and other non-employees as “school officials” who may have access to education records, the school must ensure that these individuals meet the criteria in the bullets above and the criteria in the school’s annual notification of *FERPA* rights. Schools are encouraged to train all school officials who may have access to education records, including contractors, on *FERPA* as well as other applicable laws.

Balancing Safety and Privacy

School officials must balance safety interests and student privacy interests. *FERPA* contains exceptions to the general consent requirement, including the “health or safety emergency exception,” and exceptions to the definition of education records, including “law enforcement unit records,” which provide school officials with tools to support this goal.

The Health or Safety Emergency Exception to the Consent Requirement

FERPA generally requires written consent before disclosing PII from a student’s education records to individuals other than his or her parents. However, the *FERPA* regulations permit school officials to disclose PII from education records without consent to appropriate parties only when there is an actual, impending, or imminent emergency, such as an articulable and significant threat. Information may be disclosed only to protect the health or safety of students or other individuals. In applying the health and safety exception, note that:

Schools have discretion to determine what constitutes a health or safety emergency.

“Appropriate parties” typically include law enforcement officials, first responders, public health officials, trained medical personnel, and parents. This *FERPA* exception is temporally limited to the period of the emergency and does not allow for a blanket release of PII. It does not allow disclosures to address emergencies that *might* occur, such as would be the case in emergency preparedness activities.

- The information that may be disclosed is limited to only PII from an education record that is needed based on the type of emergency.
- Disclosures based on this exception must be documented in the student’s education records to memorialize the
- Emergency that formed the basis for the disclosure; and
- Parties with whom the school shared the PII.

The U.S. Department of Education would not find a school in violation of *FERPA* for disclosing *FERPA*-protected information under the health or safety exception as long as the school had a rational basis, based on the information available at the time, for making its determination that there was an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

For more information on the health or safety exception, see “Addressing Emergencies on Campus,” June 2011, available at [emergency-guidance.pdf](#) and 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(10) and 99.36.

The Law Enforcement Unit Record Exemption to the Definition of Education Records

***FERPA* defines a “law enforcement unit” as any individual, office, department, division, or other component of an educational agency or institution, such as a unit of commissioned police officers or non-commissioned security guards, that is officially authorized or designated by that agency or institution to**

- (i) Enforce any local, state, or federal law, or refer to appropriate authorities a matter for enforcement of any local, state, or federal law against any individual or organization other than the agency or institution itself; or
- (ii) Maintain the physical security and safety of the agency or institution.

Significantly, to be considered a “law enforcement unit” under this definition, an individual or component must be officially authorized or designated to carry out the functions listed above by the school. Schools may designate a traditional law enforcement entity (such as school security staff, school resource officers [SROs], school safety officers, school police, or other school security personnel) as a law enforcement unit, or opt to designate another non-law enforcement school official to serve as their law enforcement unit, such as a vice principal or another school official.

FERPA does not prevent schools from disclosing information from records maintained by law enforcement that were created for law enforcement purposes by the law enforcement unit to anyone, subject to state law, including outside law enforcement authorities, without the consent of the parent or eligible student during an emergency or otherwise.

Law enforcement unit records, which are not subject to the *FERPA* consent requirements, are defined as records that are

- Created by a law enforcement unit;
- Created for a law enforcement purpose; and
- Maintained by the law enforcement unit.

Law enforcement unit records *do not* include

- Records created by a law enforcement unit for a law enforcement purpose that are maintained by a component of the school other than the law enforcement unit, such as a principal or guidance counselor;
- Health records or PII collected about or related to the disability of a student, including information about providing an accommodation; and
- Records created and maintained by a law enforcement unit exclusively for a non-law enforcement purpose, such as a school disciplinary action or proceeding.

In designating a law enforcement unit and using law enforcement unit records, note that

- To be given access to PII from a student’s education records, law enforcement unit officials who are employed by the school must meet the criteria set forth in the school’s *FERPA* notification for school officials with a legitimate educational interest. While law enforcement unit officials are not required to be school officials under *FERPA*, many schools have found that it is useful for them to be school officials so that they may access education records that may be necessary to ensure school safety. For instance, if a student has been suspended for a period of time (a fact that would be recorded in the student’s education records), the law enforcement unit could need to know this in case the student attempts to enter the building when not permitted to do so.
- A school’s law enforcement unit officials must protect the privacy of education records they receive and may disclose them only in compliance with *FERPA*. For that reason, we recommend that law enforcement unit records be maintained separately from education records.

For more information on law enforcement unit records and *FERPA*, refer to the following sources:

- “Addressing Emergencies on Campus,” June 2011 [emergency-guidance.pdf](#)
- The discussion in the preamble to the final rule in the Federal Register published Dec. 9, 2008, starting on page 74836 <http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/finrule/2008-4/120908a.pdf>.
- Student Privacy Policy Office website <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/>
- The regulatory definition of “Law Enforcement Unit” under *FERPA* in 34 CFR § 99.8(a) available at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-A/part-99/subpart-A/section-99.8>

Common *FERPA* Misunderstandings

School administrators and their partner organizations must understand *FERPA* and its implications, because misinterpretations of the law and subsequent delays in information-sharing can hinder first responders’ efforts to provide necessary assistance in a health or safety emergency.

Sharing Personal Observation or Knowledge

Misinterpreting *FERPA* can lead school administrators to miss opportunities to share crucial information that could prevent an emergency situation. For instance, some schools incorrectly believe that information obtained from a school official’s personal observations or knowledge is protected

by *FERPA*. In fact, personal observation or knowledge is generally not considered to be part of the student's education records (see "What Are 'Education Records'") and therefore may be disclosed. For example, if a teacher overhears a student making threatening remarks to other students, the teacher is not prohibited from sharing that information with appropriate authorities, including the parents of the students who were threatened.

However, if a school official learns of information about a student through his or her official role in creating or maintaining an education record, then that information would be covered by *FERPA*. For instance, if a principal suspends a student, the principal would not be permitted to non-consensually disclose that information (unless the disclosure met one of the exceptions in *FERPA* to consent) because he or she gained personal knowledge of that information in making that disciplinary determination.

Releasing Directory Information

In some circumstances, schools may be able to disclose "directory information" to prevent an emergency situation. Directory information means information contained in a student's education record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Some examples of directory information include a student's name, address, telephone number, or e-mail address. Schools must follow certain requirements in publicly designating "directory information," and they may not disclose directory information from a student's education record if the parent or eligible student has opted out of allowing that disclosure. For example, assuming that the parents' cell phone numbers have been properly designated as "directory information," what if the parents have not opted out of the disclosure of such "directory information," and a flood displaced families from their homes and these children are brought to a shelter? The school may disclose those parents' cell phone numbers to an emergency management agency that is trying to locate the parents.

Additional Situations With *FERPA* Considerations

FERPA has implications in a variety of different situations, and new questions arise as schools become more creative and innovative in developing their campus safety plans. In many cases, however, it is helpful to review the *FERPA* basics to help you clearly think through each scenario. The following are some scenarios that may arise.

Under the health or safety emergency exception, school officials may, without consent, disclose PII from education records to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency. In the case of an influenza outbreak, for instance, if school officials determine that an emergency exists, they may share immunization records with parties such as state and local public health officials whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of students or others in the school community. Under this exception, schools may share information only during the limited period of time connected with the emergency. A blanket release of information is not allowed. You must instead determine what information to disclose on a case-by-case basis depending on the particular threat.

Some educational agencies and institutions may need assistance in determining whether a health or safety emergency exists for purposes of complying with *FERPA*. Federal agencies encourage schools to implement a threat assessment program, including the establishment of a multidisciplinary threat assessment team that utilizes the expertise of representatives from mental health service providers, persons familiar with emergency procedures, and law enforcement agencies in the community.

The threat assessment team must comply with applicable civil rights and other federal and state laws. Under a properly implemented threat assessment program, schools can respond to student behavior that raises safety concerns that are not based on assumptions, stereotypes, or myths about people with disabilities (including mental health-related disabilities) or people of a particular race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or sex.

If a threat assessment team member meets the definition of a school official (as a party to whom the school has outsourced administrative functions or services) with a legitimate educational interest under *FERPA*, (see “Who May Access *FERPA*-Protected Education Records”), then he or she would be able to access students’ education records in which he or she has legitimate educational interests. A threat assessment team member who is appropriately designated as a school official, however, may not disclose PII from education records to anyone without consent or unless one of the exceptions to consent under *FERPA*, such as the health or safety emergency exception, applies.

Schools are increasingly using security cameras as a tool to monitor and improve student safety. Images of students captured on security videotapes that are created and maintained by the school's law enforcement unit for a law enforcement purpose are not considered education records under *FERPA*. Accordingly, these videotapes may be shared with parents of students whose images are on the video and with outside law enforcement authorities, as appropriate.

- **Infectious Disease**
- **Threat Assessment Teams**
- **Security Videos**

Incorporating *FERPA* Into Your Emergency Planning Process

Schools and districts should discuss critical questions and concepts with their community partners while in the process of developing or revising an emergency management plan. While building partnerships is critical, in gathering information to support these partnerships, schools and districts must also take steps to consider student privacy and civil rights and other laws as well as their mission of safety. Be sure to review any concepts with which you are unfamiliar.

What Information Is *FERPA*-Protected, and When May the School Share It?

Education records are protected by *FERPA*, and schools may generally only PII from those records only with written consent from a parent or eligible student, unless a *FERPA* exception to consent applies. The following are examples of such exceptions.

Example: At the start of flu season, your local public health agency requests the names of those students showing influenza-like symptoms, as well as their parents’ contact information. You know that you may not disclose PII from a student’s education records without consent if there is not a health or safety emergency or another exception to consent under *FERPA* that applies. So, to facilitate this sharing of information, you opt to develop a consent form that identifies students’ names and parent contact information as specific PII from student education records. And you would like to share the form with the local public health agency, as well as the purpose of the disclosure. The form gives parents and eligible students the option to allow or to not allow this

sharing of information. After collecting the signed and dated consent forms, for the students for whom you received consent you begin to share with the local health agency the names of students who are showing influenza-like symptoms and their parents' contact information. Your purpose of this sharing of PII is to help so the health agency is able to conduct real-time surveillance to prevent the spread of the illness. (See "[What Is FERPA](#)".)

Example: Your school's threat assessment team includes representatives from your community partners, and you have properly designated them as "school officials with a legitimate educational interest." (See "Who May Access *FERPA*-Protected Records" above.) The local law enforcement representative on your team does not share with his police chief or other law enforcement official the PII that he obtains from a student's education records in his capacity as a threat assessment team member while working to identify possible threats because he knows that this is not permitted. Several months after the threat assessment team initially convened to review a collection of behaviors and communications concerning a particular student and determined that there was not sufficient information demonstrating that the student posed a threat, the team learns that the student has now communicated his intent to harm the school principal. At this juncture, the law enforcement representative (and other members of the threat assessment team) shares pertinent PII from education records with appropriate parties so they can take steps, such as consulting with a police agency, to protect the health or safety of the principal (in this case). (See also the discussion of threat assessment teams under "[Additional Situations with FERPA Considerations](#)")

Example: At the beginning of the school year, your school notified parents and eligible students that you had designated students' names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses as "directory information," explaining to them that you would disclose this information upon request to anyone contacting the school. In your notice, you explained how and by when they could opt out. When a reporter contacts your institution requesting the directory information about a student who is under 18, you check to see whether the student's parents opted out of the disclosure of directory information. Because the student's parents did not opt out of the school's directory information policy, you provide that directory information to the reporter. (See "[Common FERPA Misunderstandings](#)".)

Example: A student has a severe allergic reaction to peanuts during lunch. The school nurse administers epinephrine and then calls an ambulance in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. When the emergency medical technicians (EMTs) arrive, the nurse discloses PII from the student's education record to the EMTs without obtaining parental consent under the health or safety emergency exception. (See "[Balancing Safety and Privacy](#)".)

What Information Is Not *FERPA*-Protected and When May the School Share It?

Records that are created and maintained by a school's law enforcement unit for a law enforcement purpose are not protected by *FERPA*, and there are no *FERPA* restrictions on the sharing of information in law enforcement unit records. (See "What Are 'Education Records and "Balancing Safety and Privacy.")

Example: Your school contracts with the law enforcement agency in your county to bring in an SRO and you properly designate the officer as a "school official with a legitimate educational interest." (See "[Who May Access FERPA-Protected Records?](#)") You also properly designate the

SRO as your school's law enforcement unit. (See "[Balancing Safety and Privacy](#)".) The SRO knows that she may not redisclose to her home agency PII that she obtains from a student's education records while serving in her SRO capacity, unless there is a health or safety emergency or another *FERPA* exception to consent that would apply. However, she shares her law enforcement unit records about a student who was arrested for smoking marijuana on campus with other law enforcement officials because she knows that law enforcement unit records are not protected by *FERPA*.

Are Processes and Protocols, Including Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), in Place for Information Sharing and Record Keeping That Comply With *FERPA*?

It is important for schools to consider entering into MOUs with law enforcement and their other community partners to formalize roles, responsibilities, and protocols. MOUs can be tailored to the needs of the individual schools in the jurisdiction. Any policies regarding information sharing between the school and the law enforcement agency, however, must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, including *FERPA*. While information-sharing MOUs should be developed regarding what information can be shared between departments and what information is protected, no provision in an MOU can override a school's obligations under *FERPA*.

Frequently Asked Questions Pertaining to *FERPA*

Q: To what entities does *FERPA* apply?

A: *FERPA* applies to educational agencies and institutions that receive funds under any program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. This includes virtually all public schools and school districts, and most private and public postsecondary institutions, including medical and other professional schools.

Private and religious schools at the elementary and secondary school levels generally do not receive funds from the U.S. Department of Education and, therefore, are not subject to *FERPA*.

Q: Does an interagency agreement with partners such as the state or local health department enable a school to non-consensually disclose education records?

A: No. Interagency agreements do not supersede the consent requirements under *FERPA*. Although an interagency agreement would be a helpful tool for planning purposes, schools must comply with *FERPA*'s requirements regarding the disclosure of PII from students' education records.

Q: Under the health or safety emergency exception, may a school non-consensually disclose PII from a student's education records to the media?

A: No, you generally may not disclose *FERPA*-protected information to the media. While the media play a role in alerting the community of a health epidemic or a violent incident outbreak, they generally do not have a role in protecting the health or safety of individual students or others at the school.

Q: When would the health or safety exception apply?

A: Under *FERPA*, an emergency means a situation in which there is an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of students or other individuals. This determination must be made by the school.

Q: Do I need to tell parents and eligible students or otherwise document when I have disclosed PII from their education records without consent under a health or safety emergency?

A: Within a reasonable period of time after a disclosure is made under the health or safety exception, a school must record in the student's education records the articulable and significant threat that formed the basis for the disclosure, and the parties to whom the information was disclosed. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosure, but do not need to be proactively informed that records have been disclosed.

Q: Can members of our threat assessment team have access to student education records?

A: School officials with legitimate educational interests may have access to a student's education records. Members of a threat assessment team who are not school employees may be designated as such if they are under the direct control of the school with respect to the maintenance and use of PII from education records; are subject to the requirements of 34 CFR § 99.33(a) governing the use and redisclosure of PII from education records; and otherwise meet the school's criteria for being school officials with legitimate educational interests.

Members of a threat assessment team who are considered school officials with a legitimate educational interest generally cannot non-consensually redisclose PII from a student's education records to which he or she was privy as part of the team. However, if a threat assessment team determines that a health or safety emergency exists, members may non-consensually redisclose PII from a student's education records on behalf of the school to appropriate officials under the health or safety emergency exception.

For example, a representative from the city police who serves on a school's threat assessment team generally could not redisclose, without consent, PII from a student's education records to the city police during the initial discussions about a particular student. However, once the threat assessment team determines that a health or safety emergency exists, as defined under *FERPA*, the representative may redisclose, without consent, PII from a student's education records on behalf of the school to appropriate officials. (See the discussion under "[Additional Situations with FERPA Considerations](#)".)

Q: How does *FERPA* interact with the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)*?

A: The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services jointly developed guidance on the application of *FERPA* and *HIPAA*. This guidance explains that records that are protected by *FERPA* are exempt from the *HIPAA* Privacy Rule. Accordingly, school officials must follow the requirements of *FERPA* with regard to the disclosure of records protected by *FERPA*. Please see the guidance at [ferpa-hipaa-guidance.pdf](#) for more information, as well as *HIPAA* content guidance.

Q: Who should I contact for more information related to *FERPA*?

A: The U.S. Department of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office is available to respond to any questions about *FERPA*. For quick responses to routine questions, please submit a question using the following form <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/contact>. For more in-depth technical assistance or a more formal response, you may call the Student Privacy Policy Office at [1-855-249-3072](tel:1-855-249-3072) or write to them at

Student Privacy Policy Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520

Q: What are some of the other federal and state laws relating to emergency management planning that are relevant to access to and sharing of information about students?

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***FERPA* Guidance and Resources**

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

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

(D)(1) In accordance with division (D)(2) of this section, subject to the limitation specified in division (D)(4) of this section, and in connection with a disposition pursuant to section 2151.354 of the Revised Code when a child has been found to be an unruly child, a disposition pursuant to sections 2152.19 and 2152.20 of the Revised Code when a child has been found to be a delinquent child, or a disposition pursuant to sections 2152.20 and

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- (d) A prosecuting attorney;
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(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. (me)

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The above clearly shows that while the Police had access to the documentation from the school as well as the Juvenile court due to an Order Generated by the Grand Jury that required those entries to turn the documents over for purpose of the investigation being conducted it CLEARLY did not give the Lorain Police the right to publicly disseminate the records to Facebook and beyond. After reading the response and seeing the unredacted documentation I felt I had a duty and obligation to report that to the appropriate people and that was the Clerk of the Courts, The

Sherriff of the County
(The actual protector of
the court records) and
the Lorain Police the
agency that had posted
them.

It feels like the Police
Department is upset
that I added my
professional "titles" on
my complaint. It also
feels like they are
possibly not upset about
my titles at all and are
maybe trying to protect
their carefully
constructed narrative? It
also really feels a bit
retaliatory in how they
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silencing their critics.

Also please refer to:

Section 2151.356 |
Sealing of juvenile court
records.

Ohio Revised
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Probate-
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case in which a person
was adjudicated a
delinquent child for
committing a violation of
section 2903.01,
2903.02, or 2907.02 of
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not be sealed under this
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shall promptly order the
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Section 2151.357 |
Response respecting

sealed records - index -
limited inspection.

Ohio Revised
Code/Title 21 Courts-
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(b) The name or a description of the act committed.

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(1) By the court;

...

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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 of them but also in this situation it signified why I was being so particular. I believe I even said that in my official complaint that this complaint was low key different than the very public First Amendment one.

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Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

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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that are
require
d by the
juvenile
court or
by
statute;

(i) The
individu
al in
control
of a
juvenile
detentio
n or
rehabilit
ation
facility
to
which
the
child
has
been
committ
ed;

(j) An
employ
ee of
the

juvenile
court
that
found
the
child to
be an
unruly
child, a
delinqu
ent
child, or
a
juvenile
traffic
offende
r;

(k) Any
other
entity
that has
custody
of the
child or
is
providin
g
treatme
nt,
rehabilit
ation,
or other
service
s for
the
child
pursua
nt to a
court
order,
statutor
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or other
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(me)

(2) Any
individu
al or
entity
listed in
division
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(D)(1)(a
) to (k)
of this
section

may file
a
motion
with the
court
that
request
s the
court to
issue
an
order
as
describ
ed 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
specifie
d
records
, or for
informa
tion in
one or
more
specifie
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records
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related
to the
child in
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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

specific
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records
or with
specific
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informa
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contain
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one or
more
specific
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records
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(3)(a)
Any
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entity
that is
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order
issued
pursua
nt to
division
(D)(1)
of this
section
to
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copies
of one
or more
specific
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records
, or
specifie
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informa
tion,
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to a
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ar 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.

(b) If an individual or entity that is required by an order issued pursuant to division

(D)(1)
of this
section
to
provide
one or
more
specifie
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records
, or
specifie
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informa
tion,
related
to a
child
receive
s a
written
request
for the
records
or
informa
tion in
accorda
nce
with
division
(D)(3)(a
) of this
section,
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individu
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shall
comply
with the
request
to the
extent it
is able
to do
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unless
the
individu
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entity
determi
nes that
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unable
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comply
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