

## **Beko, Michele**

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**From:** Stewart, Scott <Scott\_Stewart@cityoflorain.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:47 AM  
**To:** Garon Petty  
**Cc:** Kalo, Ted; Robert J Gargas; Sheriff Jack Hall; lcp@lcprosecutor.org; City Council Mail Group; Morris, Jacob; Santiago, Mallory; Radeff, Rocky; Bradley, Jack; Riley, Patrick; Zaleski, Don; Dull, Breanna; David Yost AG; Denise Wilms; Dennis Flores; Andrew Geronimo, JD; Andy Young; Anthony Nici; Monica D. Pluta; Tony Cillo; Michael Scherach; Mike Mason; Aaron Knapp  
**Subject:** RE: Court Transcripts

Mr. Petty,

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I tested it and so did a co-worker on a PC and the file opened and played.

### **SCOTT STEWART**

**DATA SYSTEMS SPECIALIST**

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Subject: Re: Court Transcripts.

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Hello Mr. Stewart, the audio you sent me doesnt open so please provide me and my Attorney with a recording I can open.

Garon Petty

> On May 6, 2025, at 9:48 AM, Stewart, Scott <Scott\_Stewart@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

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> Mr. Petty,

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> We do not provide written transcripts.

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> Attached you will find an audio file containing all of the audio from the criminal rule 4 hearing that took place on 8/5/20024 and includes testimony from Lieutenant Morris.

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> Thank you,

> Scott Stewart

> Data Systems Specialist

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 11:05 AM

> To: Kalo, Ted <Ted\_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>

> Cc: Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>; Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>;

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> Subject: Court Transcripts.

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> Per 149.43,

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> Please provide my attorney Robert Gargasz and me with the written transcripts of Lt Morill's audio testimony in front of Judge Elwell in case number 2024CRB02378.

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> Thank you,

> Garan Petty

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 6:02 PM  
**To:** City Council Mail Group; Joel Arredondo; Jack Bradley; Rey Carrion; Patrick Riley; Joe K  
Auditor; Don Zaleski; Maggie Partin  
**Cc:** Garon Petty; Aaron Knapp  
**Subject:** Anti-Flouride, Pro-Ivermectin Bills Moving Swiftly in Louisiana Legislature Amid MAHA  
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If not, why not?

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/giw-anti-flouride-pro-ivermectin-bills-louisiana-legislature-maha/>

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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 3, 2025 11:54 AM  
**To:** Robert J Gargas; lcp@lcprosecutor.org; Sheriff Jack Hall; City Council Mail Group; Michael Scherach; Patrick Riley; Bradley, Jack; Dull, Breanna; Aaron Knapp; David Yosi AG; Lindsay Carr  
**Subject:** Why are meetings missing from the Lorain government page for October 2022 and other dates?  
**Attachments:** e4ffe391-278d-4a1e-8598-c7c367077ad2.jpeg

## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 9:35 AM  
**To:** City Group; Carissa Woytach; lcp@lcpProsecutor.org; Lorain PD Records Request; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Brad Dicken; David O'Brien; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Sheriff Jack Hall; Ted Kalo; Jeff Graham; David Yost AG; Tony Cillo; Breanna Dull; Noelle Williams; Mike Mason; Robert J. Gargas; Jacob Morris, Ohio Auditor; Anthony Nici; Sherry Glass  
**Subject:** Stop breaking the law please.

### **Warning: Unusual link**

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Please take this down. McCann isn't in charge so stop punishing this kid 2 years later.

You are bullying the family. You are breaking the law.

In Ohio, the release of juvenile school records and photos by police to a government website without redaction raises significant legal concerns under both state and federal laws.

### **Ohio Law on Student Records**

Under Ohio Revised Code § 3319.321, public schools are prohibited from releasing personally identifiable information (PII) about students without written consent from the parent, guardian, or the student if they are 18 or older. This includes information beyond "directory information," such as grades, disciplinary records, and photographs. The law allows exceptions for certain purposes, including compliance with court orders or law enforcement investigations. [Ohio Revised Code+1](#)

Additionally, Ohio law mandates that information obtained by law enforcement from school records must be used solely for the investigation of the case and may not be publicly disclosed without proper authorization. [Ohio Revised Code+1](#)

### **Federal Law: FERPA**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. FERPA generally prohibits the release of PII from education records without written consent, except under specific conditions, such as compliance with a subpoena or court order. However, even when such exceptions apply, the educational institution must make a reasonable

effort to notify the parent or eligible student before complying with the subpoena or court order, unless the court order specifically prohibits such notification. Findlaw

## Potential Legal Issues

If the police obtained juvenile school records and photos through a subpoena, they may have been legally entitled to access the information. However, the subsequent unredacted release of this information on a public government website could constitute a violation of both Ohio law and FERPA, unless specific legal exceptions apply and proper procedures were followed.

## Recommended Actions

If you believe that your rights or the rights of a juvenile have been violated due to the unauthorized release of school records, consider the following steps:

1. **Contact the School District:** Request clarification on how the records were released and whether proper consent was obtained.
2. **Consult Legal Counsel:** Seek advice from an attorney specializing in education law or privacy rights to understand your options.
3. **File a Complaint:** You may file a complaint with the Ohio Department of Education or the U.S. Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance Office if you believe FERPA has been violated.
4. **Public Records Request:** If you are unsure about the legality of the release, you can file a public records request with the relevant government agency to obtain more information about the release and its justification.

It's important to act promptly, as there may be time limitations for filing complaints or taking legal action.



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

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**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@chronicle.com](mailto:dobrien@chronicle.com). Contact Carissa Woytach at (440) 329-7245 or [cwoytach@chronicle.com](mailto:cwoytach@chronicle.com).

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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
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**To:** Lindsay Carr; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Patrick Riley; City Council Mail Group; Duil, Breanna; lcp@lcpProsecutor.org; Comer, David; Beko, Michele; Lorain Police; Partin, Maggie; Bradley, Jack; Sofu, Rick; Kokoski, Lori; Arredondo, Joel  
**Cc:** Robert J. Gargasz; Andrew Gerónimo, JD; Aaron Knapp; Jackie Conrad; Michael Scherach; Brad Dicken; clandestinecanary; Noelle Williams; Carolyn White; Stephanie Jablonsky; Institute for Justice; Dennis Flores; Jon Morrow; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; sandemeilander@yahoo.com; Elsebeth Baumgartner; Kathryn Kennedy  
**Subject:** Violations of Ohio Sunshine Law 121.22

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Hello,

The last twenty minutes of the March 3, 2025 Lorain City Council meeting and during the whole meeting has clear violations

of Ohio's Sunshine Laws 121.22 ORC. Whispering, Texting, passing notes.

The Council Clerk monitors the activities of members during the meetings on a computer. Yet violations of the Ohio Sunshines Laws are not reported many times in the Council approved meeting minutes.

Council rule 41 reads, Council members will attend and complete the Sunshine Law training provided by the Ohio Attorney General and provide a certificate of completion at the end of their term. I would like a copy of all council Sunshine Laws certificates for the year of 2022 of current and past members of council

which certificates are on record sent to all I have included in this Public Records Request 149,43 by Friday March 7, 2025.

Also I have observed by the Council provided Meeting on Demand videos, that many members of council violate rules 45 and 46 of Lorain City Council. Use of Electronic Devices. What punishments are provided in Lorain city council rules and the Ohio Revised Code to STOP those Observed Violations of Law?

How will Lorain City Council protect the Ohio Sunshine Laws and your Oaths to uphold the Laws of Ohio in the future?

Thank you,  
Garon Petty

**Beko, Michele**

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 22, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Chief McCann; Jack Bradley; City Council Mail Group; Rey Carrion; Joel Arredondo; Don Zaleski; Jacob Morris; Joe K. Auditor; Tony Cillo  
**Cc:** Patrick Riley; Joseph LaVeck  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wink wink!

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FYI: Is she is laughing at her untouchable status with the man she claims to have on speed dial?

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Date:** February 22, 2025 at 9:01:23 AM EST  
**To:** Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wink wink!

So I get this from Tia yesterday.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tia Hilton <fiadrakoshilton2017@icloud.com>  
**Subject:** Wink wink!  
**Date:** February 21, 2025 at 5:48:08 PM EST  
**To:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

Dear Gayron Perdy,  
Just thought I'd give you the good news first! Enjoy your weekend!



# LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jim McCann | Chief of Police

HONOR • RESPECT • PUBLIC SERVICE

Chief of Police

Date: 2/21/2025

To: Jack Bradley  
Mayor

From: Jim McCann  
Chief of Police

Subject: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION: DISTURBING A LAWFUL MEETING ORC 2917.02

Re: (a) Memo Complaint from Mayor Jack Bradley dated February 18, 2025  
(b) Internal Memo from Deputy Chief Mike Palling dated February 20, 2025  
(c) Lorain City Council Procedures to address Disruption of Meetings, Rule #2

1. **BACKGROUND.** In August/September 2024, I was asked by the Lorain Law Department to assist with drafting a formal procedure for Lorain City Council committee chairpersons and council president to address disruptive behavior during lawful meetings. A written step-by-step procedure was finalized in September 2024 and provided to Lorain City Council. The procedure is clear and when followed, establishes reasonable suspicion to conduct a criminal investigation and to determine if probable cause exists to formally bring criminal charges against the suspect.

2. On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, I received your memorandum complaint about possible criminal misconduct perpetrated by Tim Hilton at the regular Lorain City Council meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025. The investigation was assigned to Deputy Chief Mike Palling.

3. DC Palling reviewed all relevant information discovered during his investigation and after consulting with the Lorain City Prosecutor's Office, he made the determination there was insufficient probable cause to charge Tim Hilton with the crime of Disturbing a Lawful meeting. Failure of the Lorain Council President to follow the established procedure was the primary reason for this determination.

4. We must be very cautious when making decisions to charge a citizen who has the right to redress their government, even if we don't like what they are saying. It is imperative that the president of council and EVERY council member who chairs a committee follow the procedures to the letter. I want to point out that even if the procedures are followed to the letter, that in and of itself does not establish probable cause to charge a citizen with the crime of Disturbing a Lawful Meeting. A probable cause determination will be made by the law enforcement officer present at the meeting or after a complete investigation and after consulting the Lorain City Prosecutor's Office.



## LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jim McCann | Chief of Police

HONOR - RESPECT - PUBLIC SERVICE

*Detective Bureau*

Date: 2/26/2025

To: Jim McCann  
Chief

From: Michael Pulling  
Deputy Chief

Subj: February 17, 2025, City Council Meeting

Ref: Tia Hilton  
Jayne Morales

1. I was tasked with reviewing the actions of audience members during the City Council meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, with particular attention to Tia Hilton's conduct.
2. City Council meetings are considered limited public forums where the government may regulate speech through established rules of procedure and conduct. The City of Lorain provides a public comment sign-in form, allowing members of the public to express their concerns for a designated period. In this instance, Tia Hilton did not elect to address the council through the proper channels. In contrast, Jayne Morales and Aarna Krappi followed the appropriate procedure at the start of the meeting.
3. During the meeting, while city business was being discussed, both Jayne Morales and Tia Hilton made verbal outbursts from the audience. In addition to addressing City Council members directly, dialogue between audience members which further disrupted the meeting. After reviewing the video footage and relevant documents, I found that Tia Hilton disrupted the meeting multiple times by making unauthorized utterances from the audience area.
4. The Council President has an established procedure for handling disruptive behavior. If such behavior continues, the President may recess the meeting and instruct that council chambers be cleared. In this case, the disruptive behavior did not reach a level that the President resorted to these actions.
5. After consulting with the Prosecutor's Office, it has been determined that there is insufficient probable cause to pursue charges for disturbing a lawful meeting in the absence of the council chambers being cleared.



**The City of Lorain, Ohio**  
**Jack W. Bradley**  
**Mayor**

February 18, 2025

Chief James McCann  
100 W Erie Ave.  
Lorain, Ohio 44052

Chief James McCann:

At the City Council meeting on February 17, 2025, a member of the audience named Tia Hilton violated Council Rule 47 and, with purpose to disrupt a lawful meeting, interfered with the due conduct of the meeting and also made utterances and displays that outraged the sensibilities of the members of council and the public present at the meeting.

I am requesting that you conduct an official investigation into this matter and file charges under O.R.C. Section 2917.12 if probable cause is found. A news crew was present at the meeting, and it appeared they were filming the council proceedings. I would suggest securing the video produced for evidentiary purposes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

  
Jack W. Bradley  
Mayor, City of Lorain

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**To:** Jacob Morris; Chief McCann; Rey Carrion; Joel Arredondo; Patrick Riley; Don Zaleski; Ina K Auditor; Jack Bradley; Rocky Radeff; Aaron Knapp  
**Cc:** Patrick Ward; Office Robert J Gargasz Co LPA; Mallory\_holmes@cityoflorain.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: No police at February 17, 2025 meeting. Why wasn't Police there? Disturbing of a Lawful Meeting. Council rule 47.

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Why Were No police at February 17, 2025 meeting?

Why wasn't Police there?

When did the meeting begin? When did the meeting end?

Is there a recording of the alleged violation of Council rule 47?

Have interviews been conducted of all present?

If not, why not?

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**Date:** February 20, 2025 at 1:21:47 PM EST  
**To:** "Bradley, Jack" <Jack\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>, Patrick Riley <patrick\_riley@cityoflorain.org>, City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>, Joseph LaVeck <joseph\_laveck@cityoflorain.org>, "Zaleski, Don" <don\_zaleski@cityoflorain.org>, mallory\_holmes@cityoflorain.org, Rocky\_Radeff@cityoflorain.org, Ted Kalo <Ted\_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>, "Soto, Rick" <Rick\_Soto@cityoflorain.org>, "Carrion, Rey" <Rey\_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>, "Beko, Michele" <Michele\_Beko@cityoflorain.org>, Joe K Auditor <Joe\_Kozlura@cityoflorain.org>, "Harper, Anita" <Anita\_Harper@cityoflorain.org>  
**Cc:** Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>, Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>, Darryl Tucker <dtucker@morningjournal.com>, Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@wolo.com>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>, lcp@lcprosecutor.org, Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>, Elsebeth Baumgartner <baumgartner.elsebeth@yahoo.com>, Sheriff Jack Hall <jhall@loraincountysheriff.com>, Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>, mark campolo

<vicchrismic4486@gmail.com>, "Andrew Geronimo, JD" <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>, Dennis Flores <dennisfortorain@gmail.com>, Denise Wilms <denisewilms@aol.com>, Mike.Brosky@flurain.bank

**Subject: No police at February 17, 2025 meeting. Why wasn't Police there? Disturbing of a Lawful Meeting. Council rule 47.**

<464460185\_8347559705342438\_6127257066281729351\_n.jpeg>

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**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  
**Subject:** Demand cuts to salaries!

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

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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!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>

**Date:** February 20, 2025 at 8:48:56 AM EST

**To:** CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org, Carissa Woytach

<cwoytach@chroniclet.com>, David Comer <DComer@cityoflorain.org>, David O'Brien

<dobrien@chroniclet.com>, Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com>, Jack Bradley

<jack\_bradley@cityoflorain.org>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, "Robert J.

Gargasz" <rjgargasz@gmail.com>, Rey Carrion <rey\_carrion@cityoflorain.org>, Patrick

Riley <patrick\_riley@cityoflorain.org>, Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>, Ted

Kalo <Ted\_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>, Sheriff Jack Hall <jhall@loraincountysheriff.com>.

Joseph LaVeck <joseph\_laveck@cityoflorain.org>

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

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

<image0.png>

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

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rijgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:13 AM  
**To:** Garon Petty; Jeanne Petty; Aaron Knapp; Michael Scherach; mark campolo; Timothy Joseph Gargasz; Brian Sarvas; Mike Gargasz; Joseph Gargasz; andrewgargasz; Pauline Sherry; Elizabeth Sauer; Anne Olsen; Maggie Kent; Kate Zvara; Barb DeFelice; Robby Zsigray; Wanda Gargasz; Edward Chavez; Dan Plow; Janice Gargasz; M. Elissa Cachon; Kathy Cucco; Mike Campolo; James Ohliger; Terry and Marie Hall; Kirsten Hill; Don Killinger; William; Bill Poplar; Jon Morrow; Chuck Butterfield; Jim Dowdell; Tom Niewulis; Brian Massie; Thomas Hach; Steve Kraus; Wendy Ohliger; Mike Witte; Tony Cillo; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Don Zaleski; Teresa Upton; Patrick Riley; Joe K Auditor; jfr\_74@hotmail.com; Jeff Riddel; David david@yesce.com Moore; Jacob Morris; Rocky Radeff  
**Subject:** Watch: Cops Put Ex-NFL Player on His Face After Unhinged MAGA Rant Turns Into Crime

Warning: Unusual link

This message contains an unusual link, which may lead to a malicious site.

Confirm the message is safe before clicking any links. FROM THE FRUITS AND NUTS of California / deranged citizens here is removed from disturbing a public meeting.

He will never again kick a ball in the Legitimate Golden state acting this way. <https://www.westernjournal.com/watch-cops-put-ex-nfl-player-face-unhinged-maga-rant-turns-crime/>

Sent from my iPhone

## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:16 AM  
**To:** Jeff Graham; City Group; Lori Garcia; Jack Bradley; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Brad Dicken; Carissa Woytach; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conradi; FERPA.Complaints@ed.gov; Robert J. Gargas; Joseph LaVeck  
**Cc:** David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Congresswoman Kaptur; Kathryn Kennedy; contact.center@sboe.ohio.gov  
**Subject:** Stop sign

External sender <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>

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Lorain City school installed a no left turn sign from 3-4 on the road leading to Fairless. Did we conduct a traffic survey on this redirection of traffic? No it will follow it and traffic is back up past 9am every morning m.

### Sign violations

- Violating traffic sign laws can result in a minor misdemeanor
- The penalty can increase to a misdemeanor of the third degree if the offender has a prior conviction for a motor vehicle or traffic offense

You can consult the Ohio Department of Transportation's manual of uniform traffic control devices for more information.

Did you do a traffic survey, is this a legal sign, is it a ticketable offense? How is this enforced?

Why can you just hire someone to direct traffic in the mornings until people figure it out?

This is dangerous. Let's fix it.

Make it a Wonderful Day!

PS: why is Lorain City and Lorain City Schools still retaliating against the Hildriths after two years by leaving FERPA documents online for 2 years?

What administration of Justice are you fine people doing leaving this youth of Lorain (at the times) school records online illegally?

Bug strong Men you are bullying a family over a misdemeanor obstruction charge.

And the school lets it happen even after the Superintendent admitted on camera that it should be online.

I'm getting the Hildriths a lawyer. Be ready!

You are bullies.



Do the right thing Bullies!

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

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**Beko, Michele**

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:08 PM  
**To:** Joseph LaVeck  
**Subject:** Re: Response to Public Records Denial and Misapplication of R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v)

External sender <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>

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And what was the "investigation" he was speaking of? That was "wrapped up soon". Can you please provide this investigation?

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

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On Jun 18, 2025, at 19:57, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

I appreciate the response. Can you provide the other end of that conversation as well? It seems there are replies that then Chief McCann was asking for. Any responses the chief received sent or received in regards to this.

And I can ask the Department but can you clarify who Lt. Tim Thompson is?

And can you provide the attachments that were sent with that email. It states he sent attachments.

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

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On Jun 18, 2025, at 13:35, LaVeck, Joseph  
<Joseph\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Mr. Knapp:

Please find the attached records responsive to your public records request.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq  
Chief Asst. Law Director & Police Legal Advisor  
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Lorain, Ohio 44052  
joseph\_laveck@cityoflorain.org

**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:02 AM  
**To:** LaVeck, Joseph <Joseph\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Response to Public Records Denial and Misapplication of R.C.  
149.43(A)(1)(v)

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You have 3 days I wish to inspect the records now. After I will file a mandamus act. This is not a reasonable time frame.

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

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On Jun 18, 2025, at 09:27, LaVeck, Joseph  
<Joseph\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Mr. Knapp:

Thank you for your email. Your request is still being processed. Thank you for your continued patience.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq  
Chief Asst. Law Director & Police Legal Advisor  
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Lorain, Ohio 44052  
[joseph\\_laveck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org)

**From:** Aaron Knapp <[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:58 PM  
**To:** LaVeck, Joseph <[Joseph\\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)>  
**Cc:** Robert J. Gargasz <[rigargasz@gmail.com](mailto:rigargasz@gmail.com)>; David Yost AG <[AGOCARES@ohioago.gov](mailto:AGOCARES@ohioago.gov)>; Mike Mason <[Mike.Mason@woio.com](mailto:Mike.Mason@woio.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Response to Public Records Denial and Misapplication of R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v)

**External sender** <[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)>

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Two more weeks and still nothing. Can you even do your job?  
Please provide my records.

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

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On Jun 3, 2025, at 15:58, Aaron Knapp <[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)> wrote:

It doesn't take this long. Stop and just do what is required and provide them in a timely manner.

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

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On Jun 3, 2025, at 11:36, LaVeck, Joseph  
<[Joseph\\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)>  
wrote:

Mr Knapp:

The City is still working on processing your public records request.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq  
Chief Asst. Law Director & Police  
Legal Advisor  
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Lorain, Ohio 44052  
[joseph\\_laveck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org)

**From:** LaVeck, Joseph  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 1:21 PM

To: 'Aaron Knapp'  
<a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
Subject: RE: Response to Public Records  
Denial and Misapplication of R.C.  
149.43(A)(1)(v)

Mr. Knapp:

As you know, the Law Department is not the repository of records that may be responsive to your request. Your request is being processed, and I will have a response to you as soon as possible. I appreciate your continued patience.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq  
Chief Asst. Law Director & Police  
Legal Advisor  
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Lorain, Ohio 44052  
[joseph.laveck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:joseph.laveck@cityoflorain.org)

From: Aaron Knapp  
<a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 12:36  
PM  
To: LaVeck, Joseph  
<Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org>  
Subject: Re: Response to Public Records  
Denial and Misapplication of R.C.  
149.43(A)(1)(v)

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<a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
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Its been 15 days on this matter (and longer due to previous denials) please accept this as 3 days notice of intent to file with court of claims.

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

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On Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 02:28:53 PM EDT, Aaron Knapp <[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)> wrote:

1. On Jul 24, 2023, at 16:05, LaVeck, Joseph <[Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)> wrote:

Mr. Knapp:

I am simply informing you that I am unaware of any complaint being made against you, but even if there was a complaint made or information provided by a City of Lorain employee to "the Board," any complaint or information provided would be confidential and therefore not a public record. See R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v). See also R.C. 4757.38(B)(1).

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq

Assistant Law Director & Police  
Legal Advisor  
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Lorain, Ohio 44052

[joseph\\_laveck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org)

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**From:** Aaron Knapp  
[jmaillo\\_a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:jmaillo_a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023  
3:46 PM  
**To:** LaVeck, Joseph  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records  
Request

To be clear it was specifically  
stated to the Board that it was  
the "Lorain Police Department"  
not one particular person.

So as the legal advisor and law  
director are you saying that  
someone within the department  
filed this complaint and claimed  
to represent the Police  
Department as an agency?

We both know it was the chief  
who has harassed me since the  
department decided to break the  
law. Also now my employment  
has been threatened.

So you're stating that filing a  
false complaint saying that you  
represent the Lorain Police isn't  
a matter of public record?

I'm going to the court of claims  
next but I needed to give you an  
opportunity to respond. I've tried  
my best to handle this out of  
court. A simple apology and a  
fix of the problem.

To be clear I witnessed the Lorain Police post illegal documents online and tried to report it as a whistleblower. As such I consider myself protected under state and federal law.

And I've given the city multiple opportunities to deal with this the right way. Instead my employment has been attacked and my license threatened when the police broke the law.

I'm not the one who posted juvenile court records online in violation of Ohio Revised Code and then tried to cover it up.

In the end I think it's at minimum a matter of public record to inquire who filed the complaint representing a public agency?

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

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On Jul 24, 2023, at 13:18,  
LaVeck, Joseph  
<[Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)  
> wrote

Mr. Knapp:

Please find this  
correspondence  
to serve as the  
response to  
your public  
records request  
dated July 23,  
2023. At this  
time, the City of  
Lorain does not  
possess nor is  
aware of any  
complaint  
allegedly made  
against you,  
and even if a  
City employee  
did make such  
a complaint,  
such complaint  
would not be  
subject to  
disclosure,  
pursuant to  
R.C.  
149.43(A)(1)(v).

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joseph T  
LaVeck, Esq.

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On Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 02:25:27  
PM EDT, Aaron Knapp  
<[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Understood. I know this was almost a  
year ago. Recent discussion and  
discovery have lead me to understand  
the law differently in how it applies to the  
deferent branches of the government. In  
this case if he did use a city server to  
send it then it's my contention I would  
be afforded the document based on this  
interpretation of the the ORC.

Thank you. I'll forward the original.

**Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW,  
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On May 13, 2025, at 13:45, LaVeck, Joseph <[Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)> wrote:

Mr. Knapp:

Thank you for your email. I am in the process of re-reviewing your original request, the response provided, and checking City records. I am working to provide a timely response to your request.

Thank you

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq.

Chief Asst. Law Director & Police Legal Advisor

200 W. Erie Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Lorain, Ohio 44052

[Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)

From: Aaron Knapp  
<[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 1:36 PM

To: LaVeck, Joseph  
<[Joseph\\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)>;  
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<[CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org](mailto:CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org)>; Robert J. Gargasz  
<[rigargasz@gmail.com](mailto:rigargasz@gmail.com)>; Bradley,  
Jack  
<[Jack\\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org)>;  
Garon Petty  
<[onelung2014@gmail.com](mailto:onelung2014@gmail.com)>; Lorain  
PD Records Request  
<[LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org](mailto:LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org)>  
Subject: Response to Public  
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CDCA, BSSW  
4220 Talbot Lane  
Lorain, OH 44055  
Email: [a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)

July 13, 2025

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq.  
Assistant Law Director & Police Legal  
Advisor  
City of Lorain  
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Lorain, Ohio 44052  
Email: [joseph\\_laveck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org)

**RE: Response to Public Records  
Denial and Misapplication of R.C.  
149.43(A)(1)(v)**

Dear Attorney LaVeck:

Thank you for your July 24, 2023  
response to my public records request  
regarding a complaint reportedly  
submitted to the Ohio Counselor, Social  
Worker, and Marriage & Family  
Therapist Board by a member of the  
Lorain Police Department. I respectfully

submit this written reply to clarify the applicable legal standards and to dispute your cited basis for denial.

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**Beko, Michele**

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Please provide my records.

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On Jun 3, 2025, at 15:58, Aaron Knapp <[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)> wrote:

It doesn't take this long. Stop and just do what is required and provide them in a timely manner.

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<[Joseph\\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)> wrote:

Mr. Knapp:

The City is still working on processing your public records request.

Thank you.

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**From:** LaVeck, Joseph  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 1:22 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Response to Public Records Denial and Misapplication of R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v)

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As you know, the Law Department is not the repository of records that may be responsive to your request. Your request is being processed, and I will have a response to you as soon as possible. I appreciate your continued patience.

Thank you.

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Its been 15 days on this matter (and longer due to previous denials) please accept this as 3 days notice of intent to file with court of claims.

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1. On Jul 24, 2023, at 16:05, LaVeck, Joseph <[Joseph\\_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)> wrote

Mr. Knapp:

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**From:** Aaron Knapp [<mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 3:46 PM  
**To:** LaVeck, Joseph  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request.

To be clear it was specifically stated to the Board that it was the "Lorain Police Department" not one particular person

So as the legal advisor and law director are you saying that someone within the department filed this complaint and claimed to represent the Police Department as an agency?

We both know it was the chief who has harassed me since the department decided to break the law. Also now my employment has been threatened.

So you're stating that filing a false complaint saying that you represent the Lorain Police isn't a matter of public record?

I'm going to the court of claims next but I needed to give you an opportunity to respond. I've tried my best to handle this out of court. A simple apology and a fix of the problem.

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And I've given the city multiple opportunities to deal with this the right way. Instead my employment has been attacked and my license threatened when the police broke the law.

I'm not the one who posted juvenile court records online in violation of Ohio Revised Code and then tried to cover it up.

In the end I think it's at minimum a matter of public record to inquire who filed the complaint representing a public agency?

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Mr. Knapp:

Please find this correspondence to serve as the response to your public records request dated July 23, 2023. At this time, the City of Lorain does not possess nor is aware of any complaint allegedly made against you, and even if a City employee did make such a complaint, such complaint would not be subject to disclosure pursuant to R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v).

Thank you.

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Mr. Knapp:

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## **5. Next Steps**

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On May 13, 2025, at 13:45, LaVeck, Joseph  
<[Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)> wrote:

Mr. Knapp:

Thank you for your email. I am in the process of re-reviewing your original request, the response provided, and checking City records. I am working to provide a timely response to your request.

Thank you

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 1:36 PM

**To:** LaVeck, Joseph <[Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org)>; City Council Mail Group <[CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org](mailto:CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org)>; Robert J. Gargas <[rjgargas@gmail.com](mailto:rjgargas@gmail.com)>; Bradley, Jack <[Jack.Bradley@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Jack.Bradley@cityoflorain.org)>; Garon Petty <[onelung2014@gmail.com](mailto:onelung2014@gmail.com)>; Lorain PD Records Request <[LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org](mailto:LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org)>

**Subject:** Response to Public Records Denial and Misapplication of R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v)

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July 13, 2025

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**RE: Response to Public Records Denial and Misapplication of R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v)**

Dear Attorney LaVeck:

Thank you for your July 24, 2023 response to my public records request regarding a complaint reportedly submitted to the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board by a member of the Lorain Police Department. I respectfully submit this written reply to clarify the applicable legal standards and to dispute your cited basis for denial.

You state that *"even if there was a complaint made or information provided by a City of Lorain employee to 'the Board,' any complaint or information provided would be confidential and therefore not a public record,"* citing R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v) and R.C. 4757.38(B)(1). However, your interpretation misapplies these statutes by conflating the confidentiality obligations of the receiving agency (i.e., the Social Work Board) with those of the originating public office (i.e., the City of Lorain).

## **1. The Email Complaint, If Sent from a City-Issued Account, Is a Public Record Under Ohio Law**

Under Ohio's Public Records Act, a "public record" includes any document, regardless of format, *"that is created or received by or coming under the jurisdiction of any public office of the state or its political subdivisions, which serves to document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the office."* R.C. 149.011(G); see also R.C. 149.43(A)(1).

It is well-settled that emails sent from city-owned computers or email accounts, relating to public business, are public records. See *State ex rel. Wilson-Simmons v. Lake Cty. Sheriff's Dep't*, 82 Ohio St.3d 37 (1998); see also *State ex rel. Toledo Blade Co. v. Seneca Cty. Bd. of Comm'rs*, 120 Ohio St.3d 372, 2008-Ohio-6253.

A complaint submitted by a police officer or any city employee using city email or during the course of official duties documents the activities of the city office. The city's copy—whether in a sent folder, server archive, or data backup—is subject to R.C. 149.43, regardless of where else it may have been sent. As confirmed in *State ex rel. Cincinnati Enquirer v. Krings*, 2000 Ohio App. LEXIS 5854, the public's right of access

does not depend on where a record ends up, but where it originated and whether it documents public business.

## **2. The Confidentiality of the Board's Investigative Records Does Not Extend to the City's Copy**

You cite R.C. 4757.38(B)(1), which indeed prohibits the Social Work Board from disclosing complaints or investigative records. However, this statute applies only to the Board. It does not prohibit the originating agency from disclosing the same document. There is no language in R.C. 4757.38 that extends this confidentiality mandate to third-party public offices like the City of Lorain. As the Ohio Attorney General's *Sunshine Laws Manual* explains, an exception to the Public Records Act must be "explicit," and cannot be implied or inferred from another agency's rules or duties.

Moreover, the Supreme Court of Ohio has been clear that a public record does not become confidential simply because it was later transferred to another agency with stricter disclosure laws. See *State ex rel. Findlay Publishing Co. v. Hancock Cty. Bd. of Comm'rs*, 80 Ohio St.3d 134 (1997).

## **3. R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v) Does Not Apply Absent a Specific Prohibition on Release by Law**

R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(v) excludes from disclosure only records "the release of which is prohibited by state or federal law." To invoke this exemption, a public office must show that a specific statute prohibits the public office in question—in this case, the City of Lorain—from releasing the record. There is no such statute here. Again, R.C. 4757.38(B)(1) governs the Board—not your office, not the police department.

Unless you can cite an actual statute that forbids the City of Lorain from releasing an email authored and sent by one of its employees from city servers, the record remains a public record and must be disclosed.

## **4. Public Accountability Demands Disclosure When a Complaint Is Filed in the Name of a Public Agency**

Finally, I reiterate that the complaint in question was allegedly submitted not merely by a private citizen, but by an individual claiming to act on behalf of "the Lorain Police Department." If a complaint was filed purporting to represent a public agency, it absolutely qualifies as a matter of public interest, accountability, and transparency. It raises significant ethical and administrative questions if a city employee falsely represented the agency to an outside licensing body, and the public has a right to inspect such correspondence.

## **5. Next Steps**

I remain committed to resolving this matter cooperatively. However, if your office continues to deny this request without proper statutory justification, I will proceed with a formal complaint to the Ohio Court of Claims under R.C. 2743.75. Additionally, I will consider filing a whistleblower retaliation claim based on the retaliatory nature of the original complaint and the City's subsequent actions affecting my employment and licensure.

Please respond within a reasonable timeframe and reconsider the City's position in light of the above analysis. I request that the City of Lorain conduct a search of all city email servers, including Chief McCann's, for any communications sent to the Social Work

Board between June 2023 and July 2023 referencing me or purporting to represent the Lorain Police Department.

Respectfully,

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

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**NASW Member ID: 886836612**

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Beko, Michele

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**From:** Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:18 AM  
**To:** City Council Mail Group; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Joe K Auditor; Dan Zaleski; Patrick Riley; Jeanne Petty; Garon Petty; Aaron Knapp; Rocky Radeff; Maggie Partin; Michael Scherach; Teresa Upton; Tony Cillo; Joseph Carbonaro  
**Cc:** Darryl Tucker; Brad Dicken; Julie Wallace; David O'Brien; Carissa Woytach  
**Subject:** Fluoride is bad for Lorain children! Can we get it out of the water?

External sender <rjgargasz@gmail.com>

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The Times "forgot" about a peer-reviewed JAMA study released *this year*. The Gray Lady even ran a story about it in January, headlined "**Study Links High Fluoride Exposure to Lower I.Q. in Children.**" That January story also correctly reported that a federal court found fluoride was potentially dangerous: "Last September, U.S. District Judge Edward Chen in San Francisco ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to strengthen regulations for fluoride in drinking water because of research suggesting that high levels might pose a risk to the intellectual development of children."

But the Times' fluoride article this week conveniently omitted its own January article. It mentioned neither Judge Chen's verdict, nor the gold-standard JAMA study it had just reported only three months earlier. I concede that Times reporters are competing with President Autopen for lowest IQ scores — maybe the result of too much childhood fluoridation — but *seriously*. It literally only took me five seconds of googling, and I don't even work there.

Perhaps a better question is: why is corporate media covering for big fluoride?

Sent from my iPhone

## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 15, 2025 11:50 AM  
**To:** Dull, Breanna; Parth, Maggie  
**Cc:** City Council Mail Group; Patrick Riley; Comer, David; Brad Dicken; Tony Cillo; Mike Massie; Robert J Gargas; Harper, Anita; Ted Kalo; Aaron Knapp; Mike Mason; Bradley; Jack; Michael Scherach; Mike Brosky@florain.bank; Dennis Flores; Kathryn Kennedy; Elsebeth Baumgartner; Jackie Conrad; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; Darryl Tucker; Brian Ames; Soto, Rick; Kokoski, Lori; Lindsay Carr; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Mike Doran; Craig Snodgrass; Tom Niewulis; Jack Hall; Carissa Woytach; Noelle Williams; Tori Middlebrooks; Tremaine, Pam; Jeanné Petty; Nathan Manning  
**Subject:** 2022 meetings

External sender <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

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Hello, please send me all of the 2022 city council meetings on demand and minutes. I dont see them in the emails.

January 10, 2022 is important about council rules.

Also the names of the Lorain City Records Commission members (ORC 149.39) and why the records of the years prior to 2024 have been removed from the city government website.

Thank you,  
Garon Petty

## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:32 AM  
**To:** Garon Petty  
**CC:** Breanna Dull; City Council Mail Group; Patrick Riley; Terrí Soto; Jack Bradley; Rick Solo; Anita Harper; David Comer; Maggie Partin; Robert J Gargas; David Yost AG; NortheastRegion@ohioauditor.gov; lcp@lcprosecutor.org; Mike Massie; Andrew Geronimo JD; Brian Ames; Lindsay Carr; Kathryn Kennedy; Jackie Conrad; Elsebeth Baumgartner; clandestinecanary; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com  
**Subject:** Re: Violation of Council Rule 41

External sender <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>

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It should be noted that you are currently being sued to provide these records by law.

And I'm suing you.

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

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On Jun 12, 2025, at 10:11, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Hello clerk Dull, I asked that you respond to ALL when answering me.

Members of council have stated in police interviews to ask them for records. So, with that being recorded

by Lt. Morris, I will ask ALL of Lorain's government elected and appointed to respond to my requests from

now on. Passing the buck/blame doesnt fly anymore when it comes to records requests.

Your duties would be to forward my requests to the proper officials/offices of Lorain's government. ORC 149.43

explained in the Sunshine Laws training course which is required by Council rule 41.

Also, I and my Attorney Robert Gargas, have asked for the Lorain City Records Commissioners names and their terms of office per ORC 149.39.

Please forward to the proper city officials/offices for response.

And I would ask that ALL responses from Lorain's elected and appointed include every email in the request.

Thank you,  
Garon Petty

On Jun 12, 2025, at 9:48 AM, Dull, Breanna <Breanna\_Dull@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Mr. Petty,

I only have the certificates and/or attendance reports for Lorain City Council, which have already been provided to you. For any records pertaining to other elected officials, you will need to request those directly from their respective offices.

Thank you.

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

440.204.2050  
440.204.2521 fax

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**From:** Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:07 PM  
**To:** Dull, Breanna <Breanna\_Dull@cityoflorain.org>; Partin, Maggie <Maggie\_Partin@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Beko, Michele <Michele\_Beko@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick\_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack\_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Comer, David <DComer@CityofLorain.org>; Kalo, Ted <Ted\_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>  
**Cc:** Robert J Gargas <rgargas@gmail.com>; Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>; Tony Cillo <antcillo.cill@gmail.com>; Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>; Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>; Cathy Kirby <cathy.kirby@ohioago.gov>; Elsebeth Baumgartner <baumgartner.elsebeth@yahoo.com>; Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@OhioAGO.gov>; David Yost AG <AGOCARE5@ohioago.gov>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; Dennis Flores <dennisforlorain@gmail.com>; Mike Brosky@fflorain.bank; Fox 8 <tips@fox8.com>; Denise Wilms <denisewilms@aol.com>; Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>; rebecca kempton <REK5767@aol.com>; Natalio Rodriguez <natalio@centurytel.net>; VEK6173@aol.com; Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>; Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>; Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; clandestinecanary <clandestinecanary@proton.me>;

Clevescene <[news@clevescene.com](mailto:news@clevescene.com)>; Noelle Williams <[noelle.williams@woio.com](mailto:noelle.williams@woio.com)>  
Subject: Violation of Council Rule 41

External sender <[garonpetty@roadrunner.com](mailto:garonpetty@roadrunner.com)>

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Enjoy this video.

Council Clerk Breanna Dull and Maggie Partin, please send me the Sunshine Laws Certificates of completion for all elected in Lorain who SHALL complete the training for the years 2020 until the present that are retained in your files.

If you do not have any individual certificates of completion retained, please explain why, per the Ohio Sunshine Laws and Council rule 41.

When responding, please reply to ALL since the Ohio Attorney General office and employees are included in this email.

Thank You,  
Garon Petty

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Sunshine Laws Training course  
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)