

Note added by Michigan Plate Readers. Our reply on the Department's thread for FOIA No. 1383-F-26 (the exports request), sent October 23, 2026, 1:11 pm, to the Police Department's FOIA mailbox: four questions on the deposit request of October 22. Text as sent; the quoted thread is left out. End of note.

Hello,

Thank you for the Department's response of October 22, 2026, regarding FOIA No. 1383-F-26 and the deposit request. Before I send the deposit I have four questions about the estimate, so that I can narrow the request if that would reduce the work.

1. The itemization form lists 3 quarter hours of search at \$7.79 (\$23.37) and 10 quarter hours of redaction at \$7.79 (\$77.79), totaling \$101.16, while the subtotal and the total read \$194.64. What accounts for the other \$93.48?
2. The request asked for the labor estimated for each numbered item, but the form does not break the hours out by item. Which items account for the hours, and how much time is estimated for each?
3. Beyond its printed note, the form does not state the finding MCL 15.234(3) requires before search, examination and separation labor is charged: that "failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs", with a statement that "specifically identifies the nature of these unreasonably high costs". Has the Department made that finding for this request, and if so, what is it?
4. My request asked for a public-interest fee waiver under MCL 15.234(2). The form's line for it is blank. Has the waiver been decided?

Thank you,

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