



City of Southfield

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August 28, 2026

Mr. Chance Ackley-Smith
[REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Request #26-838

Dear Mr. Ackley-Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your request for public records pursuant to MCL 15.232, et al, of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act received on 08/31/2026.

Your request for the following has been granted in part and denied in part:

"To: FOIA Coordinator, City of Southfield (Southfield Police Department)

Date: 2026-08-19

Re: Public Records Request under the Michigan FOIA (MCL 15.231 et seq.)

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I request copies of the following records concerning the Southfield Police Department's use of Flock Safety and/or ALPR technology. Where a record exists in electronic form, I request it in native electronic format by email to minimize cost. Time frame: January 1, 2022 to the present, unless a record's nature makes that inapplicable (e.g., the current active contract).

- 1. Contracts and pricing:*** all current and prior contracts, master service agreements, order forms, quotes, statements of work, amendments, renewals, and invoices with Flock Safety, Inc. (or any reseller), including each term, renewal terms, and expiration date.
- 2. Procurement and approval:*** purchase orders, RFP/bid records, sole-source justifications, appropriation/budget records, grant applications or awards (including federal grants) funding this technology, and the agendas, minutes, staff memos, and recorded votes of any City Council authorizing purchase/renewal/expansion.
- 3. Policies and procedures:*** usage policy, SOPs, data-retention and deletion schedule, hotlist criteria, audit policy, and any privacy or civil-liberties policy governing ALPR use.
- 4. Data-sharing:*** any agreement, MOU, memorandum, or authorization under which another entity can access your Flock/ALPR data — including federal agencies (ICE, CBP, FBI, DEA), out-of-state agencies, private entities, fusion centers (e.g., the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center), and the statewide or "national lookup" Flock network — plus records identifying every external agency or organization with such access.
- 5. Usage/audit logs:*** the Flock system audit log ("network audit") for the time frame above, showing each search performed on or through your account — date, searching user/agency, and

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the stated reason or case number. If some fields are exempt, please provide the log with only those fields redacted, preserving date, searching agency, and reason.

6. **Search statistics and misuse:** total searches run on your system; number run by or for external, out-of-state, or federal agencies; and any records of internal audits, misuse findings, policy violations, or discipline related to ALPR use.
7. **Transparency portal and configuration:** the URL of any Flock "Transparency Portal" you publish, and records showing the configured retention period and number of devices.
8. **Camera inventory:** the number, model, and locations of installed Flock/ALPR devices and associated beacon/network devices, with installation dates."

The other portion of your request that has been denied is exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCLA 15.243 Sec. 13(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. The applicable exemptions for your request that have been identified at this time, are:

(a)- Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. [suspect/witness/victim names, addresses and telephone numbers]

(b)(iii)-investigating records compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that disclosure as a public record would do any of the following: Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(d) Records or information specifically described and exempted from disclosure by statute (LEIN [Law Enforcement Information Network], Dates of Birth and License numbers).

According to the Act, if a fee exceeds \$50.00, a deposit of 50% is required to complete this request. We estimate the fulfillment of the portion of your request that is granted would exceed \$1427.85. Upon receipt of a deposit in the amount of **\$713.93**, payable by check to the City of Southfield, we will proceed with your request. Upon receipt of this deposit, it is estimated at 4-6 weeks until the request is fulfilled. If deposit is not received by October 30, 2026, a new request must be submitted.

If you have any questions, please call (248) 796-5150.

For more details and information, copies of the City's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines are available at no charge on the City's website:

Sincerely,

Approved:

Elvin V. Barren
Chief of Police



Sarah Manor
Records Office Supervisor



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City Clerk, City of Southfield

