



Wabash County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ryan Baker

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August 11, 2026

Via Email Only

Re: Public Records Request

As required by the Indiana Access to Public Records Act (APRA), the public records you originally requested from the Wabash County Sheriff's Department's (WCSD) by email dated July 5, 2026, and received on July 6, 2026, have been reviewed and/or complied for your inspection and copying. In accordance with Indiana Code § 5-14-3-3, you may inspect and make copies of the requested non-exempt public records during regular business hours at your convenience. Electronic copies of the available records maintained in electronic format are being provided.

Please be aware, however, that all of the following requested documents, records, or other information are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act:

5. ALPR Search, Alert, and Audit-Log Entries for Official Vehicles. For the time period of this request, please produce:
 - a. all ALPR search-log entries, access-log entries, audit-log entries, or alert-creation records involving license plate numbers assigned to, owned by, issued to, or regularly operated by: the elected officials and governing body of Wabash; and sworn law enforcement personnel employed by Wabash County Sheriff's Department; and
 - b. any accompanying documentation or metadata reflecting the purpose, justification, authorization, or supervisory review associated with each such search or alert.

Basis for exemption: I.C. § 5-14-3-4(b)(1), I.C. § 5-14-3-4(b)(25) and I.C. § 5-14-3-4.4(a).

I.C. § 5-14-3-4(b)(1) exempts from disclosure investigatory records of law enforcement agencies. I.C. § 5-14-3-4(b)(25) exempts from disclosure criminal intelligence information. I.C. § 5-14-3-4.4(a)(1) allows a public agency to deny disclosure of an investigatory record or criminal intelligence information in whole or in part. All of the above identified record(s) you requested are exempt from disclosure for being investigatory records of a law enforcement agency and/or criminal intelligence information.

Please be aware that the APRA does not require the creation of a record that does not exist. *Opinion of the Public Access Counselor* 14-FC-303 ("Clearly a public agency is not obligated to produce records which do not exist."). Please also be aware that the APRA does not require one public agency to obtain copies of public records from other public agencies or third parties for disclosure. *Opinion of the Public Access Counselor* 07-FC-107 ("The Clerk is not required to obtain a record from another agency in order to satisfy [a] request for a record."). The WCSD maintains that the following records do not exist or are not maintained by the WCSD:



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2. Policies on ALPR Data Access.
3. Policies on ALPR Searches and Alerts.
4. Policies on ALPR Search Logs, Access Logs, and Audits.

To the extent you request records that may exist and are maintained or retained by other public agencies, you may resubmit your request to those public agencies. Please be aware that each board, commission, department, and office is considered a separate public agency.

Please be aware that if you desire physical copies of any public records, the copying fee will be \$0.10 per page or the actual cost of copying any recording pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-3-8(d) and Wabash County Ordinance 2012-85-16. These fees must be paid in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Baker".

Ryan Baker