

Records Request: October 28th, 2026

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Date:	Wed, Oct 28, 2026 1:52 PM EDT
Subject:	Records Request: October 28th, 2026

Date: 10/28/26

To: Person responsible for public records
Portage County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Bruce D. Zuchowski
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Public Records Request - O.R.C. 149.43

To the person responsible for public records:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 149.43, I request electronic copies of the following existing public records in the possession of the Portage County Sheriff's Office. This request is not for commercial purposes.

This is a new, separate request. It does not replace, narrow or withdraw my earlier requests of September 4, 2026 and October 5, 2026, which remain open. Items 1 through 5 ask for records of the same kinds as those earlier requests, for the period after the dates those requests covered. Item 6 asks for a new kind of record.

Please produce electronic copies (PDF, native email, or other electronic format) in the form in which the records are maintained. If a file is too large to email, please deliver it by a secure file-transfer service such as BigFileTransfer, a shared Google Drive folder, or a mailed USB drive, and tell me which method you used. If paper copies are the only option, please give me an itemized cost estimate at \$0.10 per page before copying.

"Through the date of this request" means through the date this request was received.

RECORDS REQUESTED

1. All emails, text messages on agency-issued devices, and written correspondence from October 6, 2026 through the date of this request, to or

from Sheriff Bruce D. Zuchowski or Chief Deputy Ralph Spidalieri, that contain any of these terms: "Lane," "William Lane," "drunk," "intoxicated," "fair," "Randolph," or "Bad Bruce."

2. All emails, text messages on agency-issued devices, and written correspondence from October 6, 2026 through the date of this request, to or from Sheriff Bruce D. Zuchowski, any other law enforcement deputy, or any other Sheriff's Office employee, that contain any of these terms: "Fostoria Free Press" or "Tolento."

3. The mileage log for the vehicle assigned to Sheriff Bruce D. Zuchowski from October 6, 2026 through the date of this request.

4. All written complaints, citizen complaints, internal complaints, and emails received by the Sheriff's Office from September 5, 2026 through the date of this request that allege:

- a. intoxication, impairment, or alcohol use by Sheriff Bruce D. Zuchowski or Chief Deputy Ralph Spidalieri while on duty, armed, or at a public event;
- b. threats, harassment, or unprofessional conduct by Sheriff Zuchowski or Chief Deputy Spidalieri;
- c. misconduct related to William Lane or "The Bad Bruce Exhibit."

5. All internal-affairs files, administrative investigation files, inquiry files, and disposition letters concerning Sheriff Bruce D. Zuchowski or Chief Deputy Ralph Spidalieri, opened or issued from September 5, 2026 through the date of this request. If any portion is withheld as confidential law enforcement investigatory material under R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(h) and (A)(2), please produce the non-exempt portions and cite the specific statutory ground for each redaction or denial.

If any requested item does not exist, please say so in writing. If any record is withheld or redacted, please give a written explanation that includes the legal authority for each denial, as required by R.C.

149.43(B)(3). If you believe any numbered item is ambiguous or overly broad, please contact me to clarify that item instead of denying the whole request, as R.C. 149.43(B)(2) provides, and tell me how the records are kept so I can revise the item.

Please acknowledge receipt, and produce the records promptly or within a reasonable period of time, as R.C. 149.43(B)(1) requires. Please also preserve all records responsive to this request, and to my earlier requests, until they are produced. You have 14 days to fulfil this request before a Pre-Litigation Notice is served. Failure to comply by *November 15th, 2026* will result in an additional Original Action Lawsuit in the Ohio

Supreme Court.

Please send the records and any written response to
TheFostoriaFreePress@Gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Joshua Tolento

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