

FOIA request for documents about University of Michigan's DPSS

Yarden Katz <yarden.katz@gmail.com>
To foia-email@umich.edu

Tue, Aug 11 2022 at 10:07 PM

Dear University of Michigan FOIA Office,

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Sincerely,

Received
Aug. 12, 2022

Yarden Katz

FOIA request for documents about University of Michigan's DPSS

Carolyn Umbricht <caumbric@umich.edu>
To: Yarden Katz <yarden.katz@gmail.com>
Cc: foia-email@umich.edu

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 8:52 AM

Regarding your Freedom of Information Act request below, we anticipate that we will reply to your request electronically. However, pursuant to Section 3 (1) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, a request from a person "must include the requesting person's complete name, address, and contact information," and an address "must be written in compliance with United States Postal Service addressing standards." Contact information "must include a valid telephone number or electronic mail address."

Please provide the missing information as required by the statute.

Carolyn

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To: Carolyn Umbricht <caumbric@umich.edu>
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Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Thank you. This is my name and address:

Yarden Katz
3659 Middleton Dr
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Tel: 202-664-0000
Email: yarden.katz@gmail.com

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FOIA KAT 0635-22 extension

Carolyn Umbricht <caumbric@umich.edu>
To: Yarden Katz <yarden.katz@gmail.com>
Cc: foia-email@umich.edu

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 11:08 AM

Dear Yarden Katz,

I am writing in regard to your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 11, 2022, which was received on August 12, 2022.

Due to the large number of requests currently being processed by this office, it will not be possible to respond to your request within the five-day period accorded by the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. However, under Section 5 (2) (d) of the Act, the University is permitted to extend the deadline for not more than 10 business days beyond the initial due date.

The University will respond to your request on or before September 2, 2022.

Thank you,

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FOIA KAT 0635-22

Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>
To: Yarden Katz <yarden.katz@gmail.com>
Cc: Freedom of Information Act Office <foia-email@umich.edu>

Fri, Aug 26, 2022 at 2:34 PM

Dear Mr. Katz,

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request below, please be advised that the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety & Security makes its "Daily Crime & Fire Log" publicly available online. Responsive records can be found at the following website: <https://www.dpss.umich.edu/content/crime-safety-data/daily-crime-fire-log/>.

Sincerely,



Shannon Hill
FOIA Coordinator
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To: Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>
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Fri, Aug 26, 2022 at 5:26 PM

Dear Shannon Hill,

The publicly available logs do not continue the information I have requested. First, these logs do not contain the "race" categories of arrestees. Second, these logs do not contain all relevant police activities, such as transportation of students during the pandemic. I am requesting a more complete log that contains this information, as described in my original request.

Sincerely,
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FOIA KAT 0635-22

Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>
To: Yarden Katz <yarden.katz@gmail.com>
Cc: Freedom of Information Act Office <foia-email@umich.edu>

Fri, Sep 2, 2022 at 11:41 AM

Dear Mr. Katz,

I am writing in further response to your Freedom of Information Act request KAT 0635-22.

You requested:

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On August 26, 2022, we advised you that the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety & Security makes its "Daily Crime & Fire Log" publicly available online at the following website: <https://www.dpss.umich.edu/content/crime-safety-data/daily-crime-fire-log/>. You clarified your request on August 26, 2022, as follows:

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Please be advised that additional responsive data, if it exists, is not available in an electronically retrievable format, and pursuant to Section 3 (4) and (5) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, the University is not required to make a compilation, summary or report of information, nor create a new public record, in order to respond to your request.

Please note that within 180 days from the date of this letter, you have the right to appeal the denial of information to the President of the University or seek judicial review in the court of claims to try to compel disclosure. If you elect to appeal and the President upholds the denial, you may still seek judicial review within the 180-day period.

An appeal to the President must be submitted in writing to: President's Office, c/o Liz Barry, The University of Michigan, Ruthven Bldg. Suite 3190, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1079 (or by email to: presoff@umich.edu). The statement must (1) identify the request and the final determination by the FOIA officer

that is being appealed, (2) specifically state the word "appeal," and (3) identify the reason or reasons why the final determination should be reversed.

If you seek judicial review in the Michigan court of claims and prevail, you will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements incurred in maintaining the action. If you prevail in part, you may still be awarded complete or partial reimbursement for those expenses. In addition to actual and compensatory damages, you will be awarded punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.00 if the court finds that the University was arbitrary and capricious in its denial.

A copy of Section 10 of the Michigan FOIA is available for your reference and review online at <http://foia.vpcomm.umich.edu/foia-right-to-appeal/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

<http://foia.vpcomm.umich.edu> hillsr@umich.edu

Fwd: appeal of denied FOIA request to the University of Michigan (KAT 0635-22)

Sara Holliday <saraholl@umich.edu>

Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 2:07 PM

To: Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu>, Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

FOIA appeal below.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Yarden Katz <yarden@umich.edu>

Date: Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 10:54 AM

Subject: appeal of denied FOIA request to the University of Michigan (KAT 0635-22)

To: <presoff@umich.edu>

To whom it may concern at the University of Michigan President's Office,

I am writing regarding a Freedom of Information Act Request that I have made to the University of Michigan FOIA office on August 8, 2022 (case KAT 0635-22).

I have requested data concerning the daily activity logs of UM police from January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2022 (inclusive). I have specifically requested the following data:

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I have requested that these data include information about Covid-related activities of UM police, such as transportation of students/university staff during the Covid pandemic. I have asked for these data to be made available in a text format such as CSV or similar formats. I have specified in the original request that these data would be put towards scientific and scholarly use, and not for any commercial purposes.

The FOIA office responded to my request on August 26, 2022, directing me to the "Daily Crime & Fire Log" on the DPSS website. However, these data do not contain the information I have asked for. As I wrote back to the FOIA office

on the same day, these logs do not contain the "race" categories of arrestees. Moreover, these logs do not contain all relevant police activities, such as transportation of students during the pandemic. I am therefore requesting a more complete log that contains this information, as described in my original FOIA request.

I want to emphasize that these data are of significant public interest and would be valuable for ongoing discussions on the functions and history of policing. The currently published data are insufficient, and I hope that the University of Michigan will make the more complete data set available.

Sincerely,

Yarden Katz

Assistant Professor, Department of American Culture and Digital Studies Institute
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Re: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22

Patricia Sellinger <patzell@umich.edu>
To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
Cc: Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 11:30 AM

Hi Devon. We need to include Shannon Hill, our FOIA Coordinator (copied), as she managed the response to this request (if Steve calls me, I'll 3-way Shannon to the call). Shannon, do any of these work for you?

Monday, 9/12: 11am-1pm
Tuesday, 9/13: 11am-1pm and 2:30-5pm

Thank you,

Pat

Patricia J. Sellinger
Chief Freedom of Information Officer
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1109 Geddes Avenue | Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1079
Phone 734-763-5082
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patzell@umich.edu

On Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 10:58 AM Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu> wrote:
Good morning Pat!

I hope all is well. I wanted to schedule a meeting between you and Steve regarding this appeal.

Steve's Availability
(Fri. 9/9) 8:30am - Noon
(Mon. 9/12) 9:45am-1pm, 2-3:30pm, 4-5pm
(Tues. 9/13) Anytime **except** 2-2:30pm

Thank you,

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Devon Redmond | he/him/his
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email devonred@umich.edu | main 734-764-6270



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Re: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22

Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 1:10 PM

To: Patricia Sellinger <patsell@umich.edu>, Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

Within the time frames already offered, I am available Monday 12 - 1pm, or Tuesday 11am - 1pm and 2:30pm - 4pm.
Thank you!

<http://foia.vpcomm.umich.edu> hillsr@umich.edu

Re: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22

Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 1:22 PM

To: Patricia Sellinger <patzell@umich.edu>, Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

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**Invitation: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22 @ Mon Sep 26, 2022
(patsell@umich.edu)**

1 message

Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu>
Reply-To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
To: patsell@umich.edu, Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 1:25 PM

This will be a phone call to discuss the FOIA appeal KAT 0635-22. Steve will call Patricia and she will join Shannon in.

When

Monday Sep 26, 2022

Location

Phone Call - Steve initiating

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Guests

Stephen Yaros - organizer

Shannon Hill

patsell@umich.edu

[View all guest info](#)

Reply for patsell@umich.edu

Yes No Maybe [More options](#)

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**Updated invitation: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22 @ Mon Sep 12, 2022
(patsell@umich.edu)**

1 message

Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 2:29 PM

Reply-To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

To: patsell@umich.edu, Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>, Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu>

This event has been updated

Changed: time

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Monday Sep 12, 2022

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Updated invitation: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22 @ Mon Sep 12, 2022 12pm - 12:30pm (EDT) (patsell@umich.edu)

1 message

Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 2:32 PM

Reply-To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

To: patsell@umich.edu, Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>, Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu>

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When

Monday Sep 12, 2022 · 12pm – 12:30pm (Eastern Time - New York)

~~Monday Sep 12, 2022 · 8am – 8:30am (Eastern Time - New York)~~

Location

Phone Call - Steve Initiating

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Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 2:35 PM

Hey everyone,

My calendar app is behaving oddly, the calendar event invitation for this FOIA appeal should be for this upcoming Monday from Noon-12:30pm like we discussed. Sorry for any confusion.

Thank you,

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Original FOIA Request for KAT 0635-22

Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
To: Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 10:20 AM

Happy Friday Shannon!

Can you send me a copy of the original FOIA request for the file mentioned above?

Thank you,

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Fwd: FOIA request for documents about University of Michigan's DPSS

Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>
To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 10:47 AM

Hi Devon,

Below is the original FOIA request from Yarden Katz, re: his appeal of request KAT 0635-22. I will forward one more email that we considered a "clarification."

Thanks!

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Yarden Katz

Fwd: FOIA KAT 0635-22

Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>
To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 10:50 AM

Hi Devon,

Below is the email we considered a "clarification" of Yarden Katz's request KAT 0635-22.

Best,

Shannon

Shannon Hill
FOIA Coordinator
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From: **Yarden Katz** <yarden.katz@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2022 at 5:26 PM
Subject: Re: FOIA KAT 0635-22
To: Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>
Cc: Freedom of Information Act Office <foia-email@umich.edu>

Dear Shannon Hill,

The publicly available logs do not continue the information I have requested. First, these logs do not contain the "race" categories of arrestees. Second, these logs do not contain all relevant police activities, such as transportation of students during the pandemic. I am requesting a more complete log that contains this information, as described in my original request.

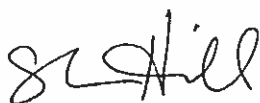
Sincerely,
Yarden Katz

On Aug 26, 2022, at 2:34 PM, Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu> wrote:

Dear Mr. Katz,

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request below, please be advised that the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety & Security makes its "Daily Crime & Fire Log" publicly available online. Responsive records can be found at the following website: <https://www.dpss.umich.edu/content/crime-safety-data/daily-crime-fire-log/>.

Sincerely,



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On Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 10:04 PM Yarden Katz <yarden.katz@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear University of Michigan FOIA Office,

I am writing to request the documentation about the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Police Department / DPSS ("UM police") under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request the daily activity logs of UM police from January 1, 2010 through July 31 2022 (inclusive). These data should contain basic information about the daily activities of UM police, including:

1. DPSS case number
2. date and time of activity
3. address of police activity
4. a narrative description of the event, including any information about arrests
5. the "race" of the arrestee, if arrests were made (e.g., using the "race" categories used by state of Michigan police reports, see: https://www.michigan.gov/msp/-/media/Project/Websites/msp/micr-assets/2020/2020_CRIME_IN_MICHIGAN_FINAL_081121_updated-120821.pdf)
6. latitude/longitude (if available) of police activity

These activity logs should include information about Covid-related activities of UM police, such as transportation of students/university staff during the Covid pandemic. The data could be made available in a text format such as CSV or similar formats.

These data would be put towards scientific and scholarly use, and not for any commercial purposes.

Sincerely,

Yarden Katz

Re: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22

Patricia Sellinger <patzell@umich.edu>
To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
Cc: Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 10:36 AM

Hi Devon. Are you able to send us a copy of the actual appeal? I don't think it was forwarded with your earlier message.

Thank you,

Pat

Patricia J. Sellinger
Chief Freedom of Information Officer
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1109 Geddes Avenue | Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1079
Phone 734-763-5082
Fax 734-763-1399
patzell@umich.edu

Re: Discussion of appeal KAT 0635-22

Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
To: Patricia Sellinger <patzell@umich.edu>
Cc: Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 11:31 AM

I'm just seeing this email, but absolutely. The original request, appeal, and a clarification on the original request are attached below. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,




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-  **Appeal of denied FOIA request to the University of Michigan (KAT 0635-22).pdf**
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-  **Original FOIA request KAT 0635-22.pdf**
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-  **Request Clarification FOIA 0635-22.pdf**
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Fwd: FOIA KAT 0635-22

Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>
To: Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu>

Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 12:08 PM

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From: **Shannon Hill** <hillsr@umich.edu>
Date: Fri, Sep 2, 2022 at 11:41 AM
Subject: FOIA KAT 0635-22
To: Yarden Katz <yarden.katz@gmail.com>
Cc: Freedom of Information Act Office <foia-email@umich.edu>

Dear Mr. Katz,

I am writing in further response to your Freedom of Information Act request KAT 0635-22.

You requested:

I request the daily activity logs of UM police from January 1, 2010 through July 31 2022 (inclusive). These data should contain basic information about the daily activities of UM police, including:

1. DPSS case number
2. date and time of activity
3. address of police activity
4. a narrative description of the event, including any information about arrests
5. the "race" of the arrestee, if arrests were made (e.g., using the "race" categories used by state of Michigan police reports, see: https://www.michigan.gov/msp/-/media/Project/VWebsites/msp/micr-assets/2020/2020_CRIME_IN_MICHIGAN_FINAL_081121_updated-120821.pdf)
6. latitude/longitude (if available) of police activity

These activity logs should include information about Covid-related activities of UM police, such as transportation of students/university staff during the Covid pandemic. The data could be made available in a text format such as CSV or similar formats.

On August 26, 2022, we advised you that the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety & Security makes its "Daily Crime & Fire Log" publicly available online at the following website: <https://www.dpss.umich.edu/content/crime-safety-data/daily-crime-fire-log/>. You clarified your request on August 26, 2022, as follows:

The publicly available logs do not continue the information I have requested. First, these logs do not contain the "race" categories of arrestees. Second, these logs do not contain all relevant police activities, such as transportation of students during the pandemic. I am requesting a more complete log that contains this information, as described in my original request.

Please be advised that additional responsive data, if it exists, is not available in an electronically retrievable format, and pursuant to Section 3 (4) and (5) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, the University is not required to make a compilation, summary or report of information, nor create a new public record, in order to respond to your request.

Please note that within 180 days from the date of this letter, you have the right to appeal the denial of information to the President of the University or seek judicial review in the court of claims to try to compel disclosure. If you elect to appeal

and the President upholds the denial, you may still seek judicial review within the 180-day period.

An appeal to the President must be submitted in writing to: President's Office, c/o Liz Barry, The University of Michigan, Ruthven Bldg. Suite 3190, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1079 (or by email to: presoff@umich.edu). The statement must (1) identify the request and the final determination by the FOIA officer that is being appealed, (2) specifically state the word "appeal," and (3) identify the reason or reasons why the final determination should be reversed.

If you seek judicial review in the Michigan court of claims and prevail, you will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements incurred in maintaining the action. If you prevail in part, you may still be awarded complete or partial reimbursement for those expenses. In addition to actual and compensatory damages, you will be awarded punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.00 if the court finds that the University was arbitrary and capricious in its denial.

A copy of Section 10 of the Michigan FOIA is available for your reference and review online at <http://foia.vpcomm.umich.edu/foia-right-to-appeal/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Fwd: FOIA Appeal Response for University File KAT 0635-22

Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
To: Patricia Sellinger <patzell@umich.edu>, Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 3:45 PM

Hello Patricia & Shannon,

This appeal response has been sent.

Thank you,

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Devon Redmond | he/him/his
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From: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
Date: Sep 15, 2022, 3:44 PM -0400
To: yarden@umich.edu
Subject: FOIA Appeal Response for University File KAT 0635-22

Dear Yarden Katz,

Attached please find the FOIA appeal response for University File KAT 0635-22.

Sincerely,

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 **S. Yaros Response to Y. Katz KAT 0635-22.pdf**
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September 15, 2022

Yarden Katz
Sent via email to yarden.katz@gmail.com

RE: Appeal of FOIA, University File KAT 0635-22

Dear Yarden Katz:

I am writing in response to your letter dated, Tuesday, September 6, 2022 which was received in the President's Office on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) inquiry referenced above.

Your appeal has been carefully considered and is denied. Please be advised that pursuant to Section 3 (4) and (5) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, the University is not required to make a compilation, summary or report of information, nor create a new public record, in order to respond to your request. The University of Michigan Division of Public Safety & Security does make its "Daily Crime & Fire Log" publicly available online at the following website:
<https://www.dpss.umich.edu/content/crime-safety-data/daily-crime-fire-log/>

Please note that within 180 days from the date of the letter from the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator denying your request, you have the right to seek judicial review in the circuit court to try to compel disclosure. If you seek judicial review in the Michigan circuit court and prevail, you will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements incurred in maintaining the action. If you prevail in part, you may still be awarded complete or partial reimbursement for those expenses. In addition to actual and compensatory damages, you will be awarded punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000 if the court finds that the University was arbitrary and capricious in its denial.

Sincerely,

Stephen Yaros

Stephen Yaros
Director of Projects, Initiatives, and Budget
Office of the President, University of Michigan



Re: FOIA Appeal Response for University File KAT 0635-22

1 message

Patricia Sellinger <patzell@umich.edu>
To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
Cc: Shannon Hill <hillsr@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 3:49 PM

Thank you, Devon.

Pat

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On Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 3:45 PM Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu> wrote:
Hello Patricia & Shannon,

This appeal response has been sent

Thank you,

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From: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>
Date: Sep 15, 2022, 3:44 PM -0400
To: yarden@umich.edu
Subject: FOIA Appeal Response for University File KAT 0635-22

Dear Yarden Katz,

Attached please find the FOIA appeal response for University File KAT 0635-22.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: appeal of denied FOIA request to the University of Michigan (KAT 0635-22)

Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu>
To: Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu>

Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 3:54 PM



Steve Yaros
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On Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 3:46 PM Devon Redmond <devonred@umich.edu> wrote:
This appeal response has been sent.

Thank you,

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On Sep 15, 2022, 3:29 PM -0400, Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu>, wrote:

Devon - Attached (and in Horatio) is my final letter response to the individual for this FOIA appeal. Please send it along to the individual and forward my response to Pat and Shannon. Please let me know when this has all been completed. Thank you!

Steve Yaros
Director of Projects, Initiatives, and Budget
Office of the President, University of Michigan

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On Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 11:05 AM Stephen Yaros <syaros@umich.edu> wrote:
Thanks Sara. I assume he followed up because we don't confirm receipt on FOIA appeals, right? Either way, I'm working on the response and he will get it soon.

Steve Yaros
Director of Projects, Initiatives, and Budget
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On Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 8:37 AM Sara Holliday <saraholl@umich.edu> wrote:
FYI

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From: Yarden Katz <yarden@umich.edu>
Date: Wed, Sep 14, 2022 at 10:03 PM
Subject: Re: appeal of denied FOIA request to the University of Michigan (KAT 0635-22)
To: <presoff@umich.edu>

Hello,

I am following up regarding my appeal to a FOIA request - please see my message below.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Yarden Katz

On Sep 6, 2022, at 10:54 AM, Yarden Katz <yarden@umich.edu> wrote:

To whom it may concern at the University of Michigan President's Office,

I am writing regarding a Freedom of Information Act Request that I have made to the University of Michigan FOIA office on August 8, 2022 (case KAT 0635-22).

I have requested data concerning the daily activity logs of UM police from January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2022 (inclusive). I have specifically requested the following data:

1. DPSS case number
2. date and time of activity
3. address of police activity
4. a narrative description of the event, including any information about arrests
5. the "race" of the arrestee, if arrests were made (e.g., using the "race" categories used by state of Michigan police reports, see: https://www.michigan.gov/msp/-/media/Project/Websites/msp/micr-assets/2020/2020_CRIME_IN_MICHIGAN_FINAL_081121_updated-120821.pdf)
6. latitude/longitude (if available) of police activity

I have requested that these data include information about Covid-related activities of UM police, such as transportation of students/university staff during the Covid pandemic. I have asked for these data to be made available in a text format such as CSV or similar formats. I have specified in the original request that these data would be put towards scientific and scholarly use, and not for any commercial purposes.

The FOIA office responded to my request on August 26, 2022, directing me to the "Daily Crime & Fire Log" on the DPSS website. However, these data do not contain the information I have asked for. As I wrote back to the FOIA office on the same day, these logs do not contain the "race" categories of arrestees. Moreover, these logs do not contain all relevant police activities, such as transportation of students during the pandemic. I am therefore requesting a more complete log that contains this information, as described in my original FOIA request.

I want to emphasize that these data are of significant public interest and would be valuable for ongoing discussions on the functions and history of policing. The currently published data are insufficient, and I hope that the University of Michigan will make the more complete data set available.

Sincerely,

Yarden Katz

Assistant Professor, Department of American Culture and Digital Studies Institute

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor