

Fwd: Consolidated Update

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To: SecurityAwareness@iowa.gov

Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 3:51 PM

I am not certain if this is anything that you all can address or need to address, but I have ongoing concerns regarding the activity from Mr. Merritt. I sent some information to public safety, but they suggested I contact OCIO. Mr. Merritt is making 1000s of records requests to government entities. He has a right to do that. The concern I have is that he has stated that he wants to develop a database of the government email systems etc. I know he is prolific in his postings online, and I am not sure how much information he has gathered or what he has posted that could potentially create risks and vulnerabilities to government entities. He continues to tout his military training in data security, so I am certain he is able to pull quite a bit of information from his requests.

I have concerns about the scope of what is being collected and potential harm that could be done if there is a database that shares information that could be useful to others to harm these government systems if bad actors were able to use the information to insert malware or ransomware.

If there is no concern, then please let me know. If there is concern, then any recommendations you have to assist in educating entities about how to respond to requests for emails and data information or what to retain for security would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

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Date: Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 10:29 AM

Subject: Consolidated Update

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To those who have responded honorably and professionally, it has meant a lot to me. I am a retired United States Navy Veteran that has investigated the concealment of my children across three states since 2017 and the government bodies (City of Newton, IA/Jasper County, IA) who have produced evidence of concealing public records related to domestic abuse, misrepresenting facts, 1st Amendment right violations during the 2022 election year, misrepresenting a public record, falsely accusing a citizen requesting public records in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 22 of criminal conduct during two separate Iowa Public Information Board cases, and inconsistent enforcement of Iowa Code Section 708.7. At the same time, these government bodies (City of Marshalltown, IA, City of Newton, IA, Jasper County, IA) have produced direct/indirect evidence of discrimination against a documented service-connected mental health disability related to their enforcement of this section of the Iowa Code.

I am not a lawyer; I am a Father and a United States Navy Sailor that will execute acts according to my faith, the US Code, and the Iowa Code. At the same time, I work to protect the reader of this electronic mail and their children from what my children have lost.

If all the State of Iowa has is false allegations of criminal conduct supported by zero evidence, \$9000 record fees to search for eight electronic mail addresses, and inconsistent law enforcement documented on concealed public records.

I will wait in prayer for the only Teacher and the only Judge to deliver the Truth as the Light reveals it.

MEMORANDUM

From: Michael J. Merritt, USN Retired/Writer
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To: Iowa Government Bodies Consolidated

Subj: IOWA OPEN RECORDS REQUEST - UPDATE - CONSOLIDATED

Ref: 1. Iowa Code Title I State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 22 Examination of Public Records (Open Records)
2. Iowa Code Title I State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 23 Public Access to Government Information (Iowa Public Information Board Act) - Section 23.7 - Filing of complaints with the board.

1. Public Record Request Guidance

(a.) Time Frame of Request

Government bodies included in this status request are requested to provide any available records stored and preserved by the government body in receipt of the original request that matches the provided criteria, including any electronic mail records that include any of the eight provided addresses in an electronic mail file stored and preserved by the government body.

(b.) Government body requests completion of a specific form

Iowa Code Section 22.4 states:

"2. In writing, by telephone, or by electronic means. The lawful custodian of the records shall post information for making such requests in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information."

The Iowa Legislature has protected a citizen's right to submit a public records request in writing, by telephone (voice), or by electronic means in accordance with Iowa Code Section 22.4. This section of the Iowa Code does not support a government body having the ability to require a specific form to be completed, whether static or dynamic, because this requirement voids an Iowa citizen's right to submit their request for public records by telephone. All Iowa Government Bodies receiving this update have received the previous public records request electronically. No further submissions or proprietary forms will be completed.

(c.) Government Body Fee's IAW Iowa Code Section 22.3

The link below provides examples of over 40 Iowa Government Body Microsoft 365 organizational users (as confirmed by public DNS - Domain Name System - records) that completed either of the following:

(a.) Completed a search of the government body mail server and reported no records matched the provided parameters in the original record request with zero fees.

(b.) Completed a search of the government body mail server and reported the exact quantity of records located and a reasonable fee for designated personnel to verify the record status concerning Iowa Code Section 22.7.

(c.) Completed a search of the government body mail server and provided all located public records with zero fees.

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Respectfully,

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"Bricks made with testimony lacking evidence are equivalent to bricks made with straw without clay."

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Iowa Open Records Request - Attorney General (Department of Justice) - 463 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Department of Public Safety - 468 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Department for the Blind - 464 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Department of Transportation - 469 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Department of Human Services - 466 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Department of Workforce Development - 470 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Office of the Treasurer of State - 476 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Economic Development Authority - 471 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship - 465 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System - 473 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Department of Public Health - 467 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Office of the Secretary of State - 475 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Allamakee County IA - 478 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Adams County IA - 477 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Wapello County IA - 545 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Van Buren County IA - 544 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Floyd County IA - 500 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Jasper County IA - 514 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Ida County IA - 511 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Humboldt County IA - 510 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Shelby County IA - 541 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Jones County IA - 516 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Pottawattamie County IA - 537 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Dubuque County IA - 498 - CM-X2
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Iowa Open Records Request - Dickinson County IA - 497 - CM-X2
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Iowa Open Records Request - Polk County IA - 536 - CM-X2
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Iowa Open Records Request - City of Le Mars IA - 575 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - City of Sergeant Bluff IA - 585 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Central Lyon Comm School District - 592 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Linn-Mar Comm School District - 597 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - George-Little Rock Comm School District - 596 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Sioux City Comm School District - 599 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Dubuque Comm School District - 595 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Columbus Comm School District - 593 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Southeastern Community College - 606 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - University of Iowa - 608 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Iowa Western Community College - 605 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Southwestern Community College - 607 - CM-X2
Iowa Open Records Request - Indian Hills Community College - 602 - CM-X2

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11 attachments

-  **Record Request - 1686700206365.pdf**
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-  **Cipher Phoenix Mail - Electronic Service - Iowa Open Records Request.pdf**
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-  **Record Request - 1686700018752.pdf**
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-  **PRR 3187 Invoice.pdf**
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-  **Record Request - 1686700180772.pdf**
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-  **Cipher Phoenix Mail - Public records requestfsd.pdf**
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-  **Cipher Phoenix Mail - Iowa Open Records Request - Greene County IA - 503 - CM-X2- Status Request - 01 of 02.pdf**
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