

Subject: Re: THE FORM OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL MAVERICK – IOWA OPEN RECORDS REQUEST – IOWA STATE GOVERNMENT BODIES – CONSOLIDATED – CM-X2 – ELIMINATION OF THE FOG OF WAR – SECTION 02 OF 05

From: cipher.hunter@phoenixharbor.net

Date: 2/18/24, 22:46

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Message-ID: <136819465612959744.0.v2@titan.email>

In-Reply-To: <133463103195343872.0.v2@titan.email>

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*****PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST DELINQUENCY NOTICE*****

State of Iowa Government Bodies:

1. The Form of the Jasper County, IA Geek Squad

"Mr. Merritt presents himself as an "Information Systems Manager" and "Information War Specialist" so by his own admission he is more of a threat to Jasper County's networks and web based software than an average person asking for public information."

He immediately posts any responses from Jasper County and IPIB to his Facebook and multiple Websites. So, any of this information would be out there for hackers or activists to use."

*Ryan Eaton, Wed, 01 Feb 2023 09:21:05 -0600, Source: State of Iowa Public Record Stored and preserved in **IPIB Legal Counsel Daniel Strawhun, J.D.** State of Iowa Google Workspace Gmail account. (See: [Iowa Code Section 22.2 Right to examine public records — exceptions](#), which states, "Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record."*

The following public records request was electronically served to the State of Iowa government bodies on 12 JAN 2024, Iowa County government bodies on 14 JAN 2024, and specific Iowa Municipal government bodies on 16 JAN 2024 in accordance with [Iowa Code Chapter 22.4\(2.\)](#). This correspondence provides the current status of these requests while requesting an inquiry regarding the evidence of those Iowa government bodies that have yet

to respond within the timeframes articulated in [Iowa Code Section 22.8\(4\)\(d.\)](#).

2. Records Requested

(a.) Any public records showing a criminal complaint against the originator of this correspondence regarding the allegations of criminal conduct the Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Erica Eckley communicated to the Iowa Press leading to the publishing of Enclosures (1.), (2.) and (3.).

(b.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (13.), including the name “Merritt,” not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

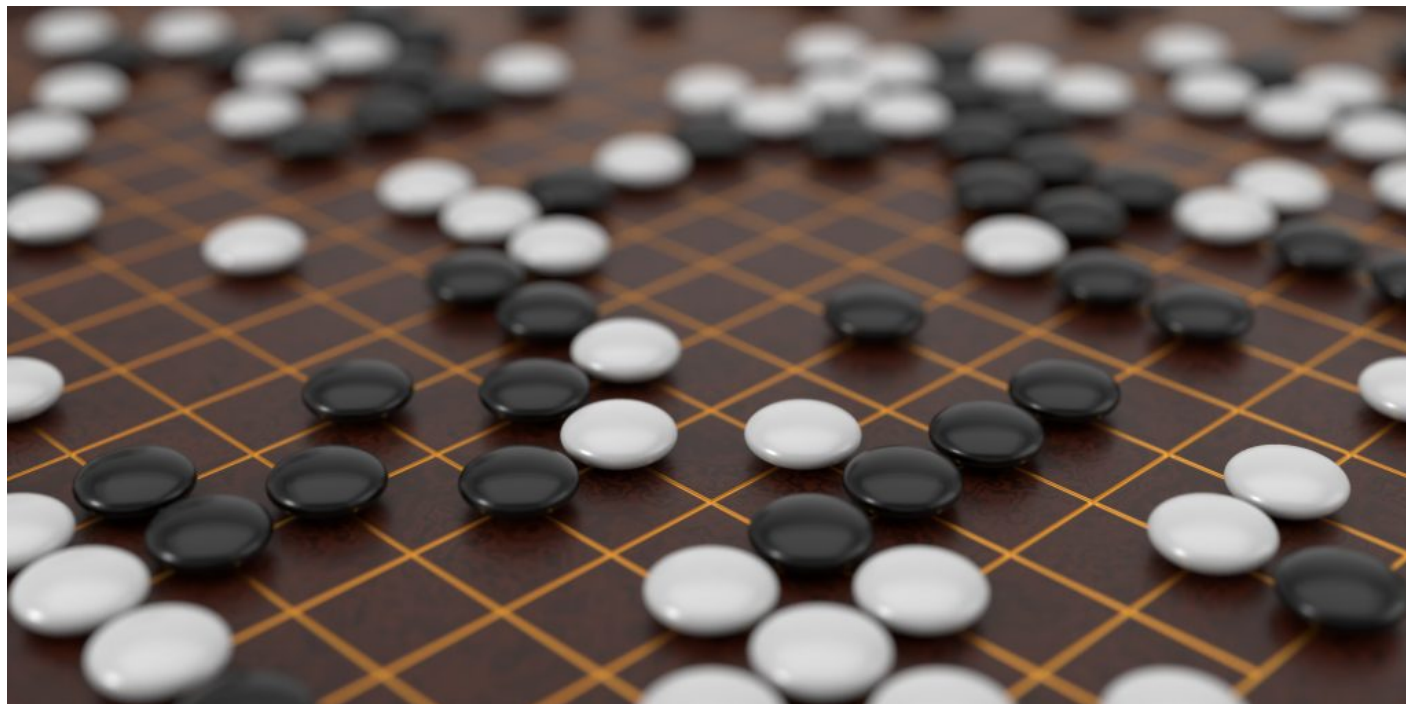
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(d.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (13.), including the electronic mail address erika.eckley@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(e.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (13.), including the electronic mail address brett.toresdahl@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(f.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (13.), including the electronic mail address daniel.strawhun@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

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3. The Form of Atari

Enclosure (2.) provides evidence supporting Iowa State government bodies that have failed to respond to the above public records request.

Enclosure (3.) provides evidence supporting Iowa County government bodies that have failed to respond to the above public records request.

Enclosure (4.) provides evidence supporting specific Iowa Municipality government bodies that have failed to respond to the above public records request.

Enclosures (6.) and (7.) and completed requests shown in Enclosures (2.), (3.), (4.), and (5.) provide evidence that without extraordinary circumstances, the above public records requests should be able to be completed at no cost in accordance with [Iowa Code Section 22.3](#).

The Form of the Iowa Public Records Honor Guard

City of North Liberty, IA



February 14, 2024

Michael J. Merritt
308 East Street
Grinnell, IA 50112

Mr. Merritt:

The City of North Liberty has completed its production of the public records requested, and placed them on a USB thumb drive per your request. This fulfills the request made on January 16, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tracey Mulcahey'.

Tracey Mulcahey
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk



INVOICE # 15792

FROM:
 Office of Transparency
 The University of Iowa
 351 Plaza Centre One
 Iowa City, IA 52242
 public-records@uiowa.edu
 319-335-0270

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2024

TO:
 Michael Merritt
 cipher.hunter@phoenixharbor.net

FOR:
 Public Records Request of 1/31/2024

The Iowa Code allows governmental bodies, such as the University of Iowa, to charge a "reasonable fee" for expenses associated with retrieving, copying, and supervising the examination of public records. As a general rule, the UI requires advance payment of the estimated fee.

| DESCRIPTION | HOURS | RATE | AMOUNT |
|---|-------|---------|--------|
| For the estimated IT time (in excess of one hour) to search for records stored and maintained in University of Iowa mailboxes responsive to the following, from calendar year 2023: (a.) Any public records showing a criminal complaint against the originator of this correspondence regarding the allegations of criminal conduct the Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Erica Eckley communicated to the Iowa Press. (b.) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the name "Merritt," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. (c.) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the word "vexatious," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. (d.) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the electronic mail address erika.eckley@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. (e.) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the electronic mail address brett.toresdahl@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. (f.) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the electronic mail address daniel.strawhun@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. (g.) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the electronic mail address ipib@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. ***Estimate does not include time for review and redaction, which will be determined after this invoice has been paid and the search has been completed. A second invoice will then be sent for the estimated time to review and redact records retrieved from the search. | 2 | \$30/hr | 60.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 60.00 |

For credit card payment, please visit:
<https://publicrecordsrequests.iowa.uiowa.edu/makepayment> and have the **invoice number** and **processing total amount** handy. This information can be found above.

If sending a check: Please make check payable to The University of Iowa and mail to:
 Office of Transparency
 The University of Iowa
 351 Plaza Centre One
 Iowa City, IA 52242

Return Policy: Once an invoice for generating public records has been paid and the work to produce the public record has started, a refund will not be granted.

Faculty 2097
 Students 31,452

Speculated Microsoft 365 Licenses Searched 33,549

"The University of Iowa | the University of Iowa." *The University of Iowa*, 18 Feb. 2024, uiowa.edu/. Accessed 16 Feb. 2024. "About Iowa." *The University of Iowa - the University of Iowa*, 2023, uiowa.edu/about-iowa. Accessed 16 Feb. 2024.

Iowa State University

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

INVOICE

Charges for Public Records Request

Invoice Number: 2024-3406
 Invoice Date: February 7, 2024

From:

Ann Lelis, Public Records Officer
 Iowa State University Phone: 515-294-5352
 3550 Beardshear Hall Fax: 515-294-1799
 515 Morrill Road Email: alelis@iastate.edu
 Ames, IA 50011-2045 Website: http://www.ur.iastate.edu/records/#charges

Date of Request: January 31, 2024
Requestor/Payor Name: Michael Merritt Email: cipher.hunter@cipher.phoenixharbor.com
Company:
Address:
City, State, Zip

Request:
 (a.) Any public records showing a criminal complaint against the originator of this correspondence regarding the allegations of criminal conduct the Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Erla Eekley communicated to the Iowa Press leading to the publishing of Enclosures (1.), (2.) and (3.).
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Please note that this search will be run for the calendar year 2023. If more information is requested, a new invoice will be generated.

This invoice is for Phase 1 of this request. Phase 1 will consist of searching all university mailboxes to identify potentially responsive emails. Upon receipt of payment for Phase 1 and the completion of the search, a second invoice will be sent for Phase 2, which will be for the review/redaction of any records returned in the search.

| Description | Items | Charged | Rate | Amount Billed |
|--|-------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Labor to respond to request (estimated hours) | 3.0 | 2.0 | \$30.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| Prints, copies or scans of records (estimated pages) | | 0.0 | \$0.25 | \$ - |
| Computer Programming (estimated hours) | | 0.0 | \$75.00 | \$ - |
| Lists already existing (estimated no. of lists) | | 0 | \$20.00 | \$ - |
| Mailing (estimated carrier charges) | | | | |
| *TOTAL AMOUNT DUE | | | | \$ 60.00 |

Please make check payable to: Iowa State University

Remit payment to:
 Public Records Office
 Iowa State University
 3550 Beardshear Hall
 515 Morrill Road
 Ames, IA 50011-2045

* ISU requires advance payment of all or a part of the estimated fee--
 - If the estimated charges will exceed \$25, or
 - If the requester has failed to pay for previously provided records

If actual charges exceed the pre-paid estimate, additional charges will be billed.
 If actual charges are less than the pre-paid estimate, the difference will be refunded.

Faculty
 Students

2000
 30,177

Speculated Microsoft 365 Licenses Searched (Approximate) 32,177
"Faculty." *Committee for the Advancement of Women and Gender Equity*, 29 June 2021, womenandgender.diversity.iastate.edu/faculty#:~:text=In%202018%2C%20ISU%20employed%201%2C166,and%2035.8%25%2C%20respectively). Accessed 16 Feb. 2024. "Enrollment Statistics | the Office of the Registrar | Iowa State University." *Iastate.edu*, 2017, www.registrar.iastate.edu/resources/enrollment-statistics. Accessed 16 Feb. 2024.

University of Northern Iowa

See: Request Serial# 2394 of Enclosure 5: [The Form of the Constitutional Maverick – Iowa Open Records Request – Iowa Public School Districts and Universities– Consolidated – CM-X2 – Elimination of the Fog of War – Section 05 of 05 - 31 JAN 2024](#)

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| Faculty | 663 |
| Students | 10,610 |

Speculated Microsoft 365 Licenses Searched 11273
"Why UNI | Admissions & Aid." *Uni.edu*, 2024, admissions.uni.edu/why-uni#:~:text=16%3A1%20student%2Dto%2D,career%20the%20edge%20it%20deserves. Accessed 16 Feb. 2024. "UNI Facts | Institutional Effectiveness & Planning." *Uni.edu*, 2014, ie.uni.edu/data-trends/uni-facts. Accessed 16 Feb. 2024.

The originator of the correspondence would like to take this opportunity to express a public declaration of gratitude to the City of North Liberty, IA, the State of Iowa's Public Universities, and other Iowa government bodies who have provided evidence of honorable responses. At the same time, providing evidence of a commitment to citizen rights articulated in [Iowa Code Chapter 22](#).

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:21, *Holy Bible New International Version*

Marshalltown, IA: Public Records Fees Are Now "More Than Ever"

As documented in this correspondence, all three Iowa public universities have issued a fee of \$60 to complete the above public records request. The originator of this public records request is submitting an additional request to these universities to confirm the exact number of licensed users within their Microsoft 365 instances. This data will provide evidence confirming the depth and scope \$60 provides regarding a requested search for electronic mail records in accordance with [Iowa Code Section 22.3](#).



The City of Marshalltown, IA - Mayor Joel T.S. Greer ([City of Marshalltown, IA Population: 27,591](#))

At the same time, dismantling the evidence of the unethical within the State of Iowa from this lawful information warfare battlefield who have requested amounts up to nearly \$400,000 ([City of Marshalltown, IA - Mayor Joel T.S. Greer](#)) to complete the above requested public records search.

MARSHALLTOWN
— I O W A —
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Joe Gaa, City Administrator
Alicia Hunter, City Clerk
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Marshalltown, IA 50158-4911
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January 18, 2024

Michael J. Merritt, USN Retired/Writer
Cipher.hunter@phoenixharbor.net

Mr. Merritt,

Here are the responses to your open records request for the City of Marshalltown, IA submitted electronically and formatted as a PDF file per your request guidance.

2. Records Requested

(a.) Any public records showing a criminal complaint against the originator of this correspondence regarding the allegations of criminal conduct the Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Erica Eckley communicated to the Iowa Press leading to the publishing of Enclosures (1.), (2.) and (3.).

RESPONSE (a.): The City of Marshalltown does not have any records responsive to this request.

(b.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the name "Merritt," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(c.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the word "vexatious," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

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CITY COUNCIL

Al Hoop, Barry Kell, Mike Ladehoff, Mark Mitchell,
Greg Nichols, Jeff Schneider, Gary Thompson



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RESPONSE (b. – g.): The actual cost of responding to this request would require a search to be conducted by the City of Marshalltown IT-contractor. It takes approximately 15 minutes to search 1 account for 1 month of email for a particular keyword. The hourly cost would be \$120 per hour. The City currently has 184 email accounts. The request is for 2 keywords and 4 outside email addresses. The estimate would be 184 accounts X 6 keywords = 1,104 quarter hours or 276 total hours per month searched. For 12 months, that would be 3,312 hours of labor at \$120 per hour, totaling \$397,440.00. Furthermore, all non-routine such as this require attorney review for legally protected confidential information which would have costs at \$200 per hour. Payment for this search would be required in advance.

Best Regards,

Alicia Hunter

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City Clerk

ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov

CITY COUNCIL

Al Hoop, Barry Kell, Mike Ladehoff, Mark Mitchell,
Greg Nichols, Jeff Schneider, Gary Thompson



The City of Marshalltown, IA City Attorney [Holly Corkery](#), Lynch Dallas, P.C. Attorneys at Law,
The City of Marshalltown, IA City Clerk [Alicia Hunter](#), IT/IS Service Provider: [BDH Technologies](#)

City of Marshalltown IA Licensed Users 184



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3rd Ward City Council Member



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4th Ward Council Member



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Council Member At-Large

Confirmation of receipt of public records electronically requested in accordance with [Iowa Code Section 22.4\(2.\)](#) from the City of Marshalltown, IA's Web Server on 18 MAR 2023.

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/grid/16t7ZaWWmXhS5tyRtHS4MzIVAWOBF7NmF3V7ATZUIaY](https://io.phoenixharbor.net/public/grid/16t7ZaWWmXhS5tyRtHS4MzIVAWOBF7NmF3V7ATZUIaY)

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Enclosure 1: [The Form of the Constitutional Maverick – Iowa Open Records Request – Iowa Public Information Board – 1797 – CM-X2 – Elimination of the Fog of War – Section 01 of 05 - 11 FEB 2024](#)

Enclosure 2: [The Form of the Constitutional Maverick – Iowa Open Records Request – Iowa State Government Bodies – Consolidated – CM-X2 – Elimination of the Fog of War – Section 02 of 05 - 12 JAN 2024](#)

Enclosure 3: [The Form of the Constitutional Maverick – Iowa Open Records Request – Iowa County Government Bodies – Consolidated – CM-X2 – Elimination of the Fog of War – Section 03 of 05 - 14 JAN 2024](#)

Enclosure 4: [The Form of the Constitutional Maverick – Iowa Open Records Request – Iowa Municipal Government Bodies – Consolidated – CM-X2 – Elimination of the Fog of War – Section 04 of 05 - 16 JAN 2024](#)

Enclosure 5: [The Form of the Constitutional Maverick – Iowa Open Records Request – Iowa Public School Districts and Universities– Consolidated – CM-X2 – Elimination of the Fog of War – Section 05 of 05 - 31 JAN 2024](#)

Enclosure 6: [11 APR 2022 - Iowa Public School Districts](#)

Enclosure 7: [12 JUN 2023 - Iowa Government Bodies - Microsoft 365](#)

4. Conclusion

The sum of this investigative work product provides evidence of state-wide government body norms regarding responses to requests for public records. At the same time, this data will help prevent future citizens from being isolated by the unethical within a single Iowa government body that desires to withhold public records through various devices of deceit, including elevated fees for the search, retrieval, and release of public records that are not consistent with [Iowa Code Section 22.3](#).

The evidence of Iowa Government Body deceit and other forms of alleged abuse regarding public records access is a paradigm similar to domestic abuse in that the victim must seek

external assistance to invalidate and correct psychological programming that the assailant has manifested or deployed for personal gain to maintain control. At the same time, those who were foolishly perceived as victims will seek a view of the Truth to invalidate the distortion and falsehoods that some unethical and malicious parties deploy within the four walls of a county's borders to maintain control over their alleged victims that reside within.

The Form of Murdock



"Pottorff responded by indicating Merritt's actions were "probably related to his mental health issues" and suggested Eckley consult with the Iowa Department of Public Safety."

How One Man's Actions Led to Proposed New Limits on Public-Records Access." Iowa Capital Dispatch, 23 Sept. 2023, iowacapitaldispatch.com/2023/09/22/how-one-mans-actions-led-to-proposed-new-limits-on-public-records-access/.

From 2017 - 2023, a team of honorably retired Navy cryptographers and information warfare specialists were falsely accused of crimes that evidence shows they did not commit. These Veterans promptly outmaneuvered the unethical within the State of Iowa's community of

licensed lawyers and county prosecutors involved in these unethical acts and escaped to the Iowa underground.

Today, still pursued by the government, they survive as lawful government body public records extraction experts. If you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can find him, the Cipher Hunter will defend your access to rights and liberties protected by our constitutions and laws.

<https://youtu.be/Cn6kEsloMdE?si=Ec7OA0ob1OQeDPR4>

Doc: Call Sign/Pain Killer

Pyrebird: Call Sign/Cipher Hunter

Bench Press: Call Sign/Tropic Thunder

Night Club: Call Sign/OG

<https://youtu.be/IhdEKY1b0tk?si=aSi2eaxqT7jKxoXr>

VA Nurse: *"Excuse me, can I help you with something."*

IPIB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: *"Yes. Petty Officer Merritt, where is he?"*

VA Nurse: *"He's in the community room wearing a Star Trek uniform."*

IPIB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: *"Thank you."*

IPIB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: *"Petty Officer Merritt, do you remember me from the July 2023 IPIB Meeting?"*

Cipher Hunter: *"I'm not the droid you are looking for...Damnit, Jim, I'm a Doctor, not a public records requester."*

IPIB Legal Counsel Daniel Strawhun, J.D.: *"OK, this is pointless this guy is fried."*

IPIB Board Member Julie Pottorff: *"Yeah, there's a reason why he's in here."*

IPIB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: *"And his entire team is still requesting public records except for him. Take a look around anyway and make sure he is alone."*

IPIB Legal Counsel Daniel Strawhun, J.D.: *"Yes, Ma'am."*

Tropic Thunder: *"Oh Merritt, your shuttlecraft awaits."*

Cipher Hunter: *"Take care, guys, I can't finish Star Trek 2 today. Do let me know if the ending changes."*

Tropic Thunder: *"Executive Director Eckley, Let us know when you find the public records and record requests that you misrepresented in the IPIB's July 2023 dismissals while allegedly assisting the City of Newton, IA, and Jasper County, IA."*

Pain Killer: *"Punch it, OG."*

Tropic Thunder: *"She's actually accusing us of criminal conduct."*

Cipher Hunter: *"You should see these allegations in 3D."*

OG: *"Merritt, get in here."*

Cipher Hunter: *"It's like we are actually being accused of criminal conduct."*

OG: *"You are being accused of criminal conduct, you crazy fool."*

Cipher Hunter: *"Relax, I have already saved the State of Iowa thousands in tax dollars while*

halting the Iowa Public Information Board's purchase of the Owl teleconference system."

OG: "How did you accomplish that?"

Cipher Hunter: "I gave them the bird for free."

Woolys Des Moines, IA - 2029

Bartender: "What's wrong?"

USMC Staff Sergeant: "Give me a shot of Jack. What's wrong, I haven't seen my kids in two years. Everyone I have asked for help has done nothing, and the law enforcement department I have asked for the public records documenting the incidents I reported said they are confidential."

Bartender: "Do you see that big dude wearing all black with the black ESP Phoenix guitar."

USMC Staff Sergeant: "The Mirebird?"

Bartender: "He may be the Mirebird here while holding that guitar. That's the Cipher Hunter."

USMC Staff Sergeant: "Cipher what?"

Bartender: "Tell him you are a Veteran and you haven't seen your kids in two years, and a law enforcement department is denying you rights and liberties that you defended, and he will have your public records in 20 days. I think he got his law license a couple of years ago."

USMC Staff Sergeant: "Does he practice law."

Bartender: "Practice law? Merritt doesn't practice anything he seeks and destroys in accordance with the code."

If you are a Veteran, never forget your A-Team when you feel you have lost everything. When you think you no longer have an A-Team, know you are part of mine.

Suicidal ideations are the Adversary's lie that manifests his illusion in the present that there is no future.

This investigative work product has been organized by a Veteran who stands watch on the edge between this world and the next.



My passion is rooted in my belief that I have nothing left to live for and my faith that reveals the truth that our lives and this world are what we make them.

Do not fear the world outside; turn to strength found from faith deep inside and rise.

"In difficult ground, press on; In encircled ground, devise stratagems; In death ground, fight."

Sun Tzu, The Art of War

"Throw your soldiers into positions whence there is no escape, and they will prefer death to flight. If they will face death, there is nothing they may not achieve. Officers and men alike will put forth their uttermost strength. Soldiers in desperate straits lose the sense of fear. If there is no place of refuge, they will stand firm. If they are in the heart of a hostile country, they will show a stubborn front. If there is no help for it, they will fight hard. Thus, without waiting to be marshaled, the soldiers will be constantly on the alert, and without waiting to be asked, they will do your will; without restrictions, they will be faithful; without giving orders, they can be trusted.

Prohibit the taking of omens, and do away with superstitious doubts. Then, until death itself comes, no calamity need be feared."

Sun Tzu, The Art of War

<https://youtu.be/KXxw-zXRqOs?si=SqqWFKlw5U0eApg4>

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Respectfully,

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"Lies and misrepresentations pay for the Iowa Legislature's bills in [Erika's mErika](#)."

Cipher Hunter

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