





**3. The Form of Atari**

Enclosure (7) provides evidence supporting Iowa State government bodies that have failed to respond to the above public records request.

Enclosure (1) 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 (4) and (7) and completed requests shown in Enclosures (2), (1), (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 50122

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 6, 2024.

Sincerely,

Tracey McAfee  
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk

PO Box 77 North Liberty IA 52267 (319) 635-5700 northlibertyiowa.org *Connected to What Matters*

City of North Liberty, IA Population: 20,479

University of Iowa



**INVOICE # 15792**

**FROM:**  
Office of Transparency  
The University of Iowa  
355 Hawk Center One  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
public-records@uiowa.edu  
319-335-0270

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 9, 2024

**TO:**  
Michael Merritt  
cphr.hunter@phenixharbor.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 databases 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 Eric Eckley communicated to the Iowa Press. (b) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the name "Parker", not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. (c) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the word "reputation", not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request. (d) Electronic mail, including attachments, including the electronic mail address michaellmerritt@phenixharbor.net 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 davidmerritt@uiowa.edu 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 danieldawson@uiowa.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 tshibano@uiowa.edu 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 the 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 returned from the search.	2	\$30/hr	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>60.00</b>

**For credit card payment, please visit:**

<https://uiowa.edu/onlinepayments/uiowa.edu/webpayment> 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  
355 Hawk Center 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 11,452  
Speculated Microsoft: 365 Licenses Searched 33,549  
The University of Iowa | The University of Iowa, 18 Feb. 2024, [uiowa.edu/](https://uiowa.edu/). Accessed 16 Feb. 2024. "About Iowa." The University of Iowa - the University of Iowa, 2023, [uiowa.edu/about-iowa](https://uiowa.edu/about-iowa). Accessed 16 Feb. 2024.

Iowa State University



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

Joel Green, Mayor  
Jon Gos, City Administrator  
Alicia Hunter, City Clerk  
24 North Center Street  
Marshalltown, IA 50158-6611  
Tel - (641) 754-6701  
Fax - (641) 754-9317

January 18, 2024

Michael J. Merritt, USN Retired/Writer  
[GopherWriter@jshoenhaeher.net](mailto:GopherWriter@jshoenhaeher.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 "vassalour," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(d.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), 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 (28.), including the electronic mail address brett.torendahl@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.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Al Hoop, Barry Kell, Mike Laddhoff, Mark Mitchell,  
Greg Nichols, Jeff Schneider, Gary Thompson



(f.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), 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 stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), 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.

**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*  
Alicia Hunter  
City Clerk  
[ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov](mailto:ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov)

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Al Hoop, Barry Kell, Mike Laddhoff, Mark Mitchell,  
Greg Nichols, Jeff Schneider, Gary Thompson



The City of Marshalltown, IA City Attorney [Holly Cookley](#), 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



Barry Kell  
Council Member At-Large



Mike LaSchoff  
1st Ward Council Member (Mayor Pro-Tem)



Jeff Schneider  
Council Member At-Large



**MARSHALLTOWN  
MORE THAN EVER**

Mark Mitchell  
2nd Ward Council Member



# MARSHALLTOWN MORE THAN EVER

Greg Nichols  
3rd Ward City Council Member



Al Hoop  
4th Ward Council Member



# MARSHALLTOWN MORE THAN EVER

Cary Thompson  
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.

<https://ia.phoenixharbor.net/public/grid/16072aWwmXh55yRtH54MzVAVOB7NmF3V7ATZUaY>

<https://ia.phoenixharbor.net/public/gallery/EV5OgrdH4zDU3mPQdPCHVMHw8AMn8RtLAgUNJUC0>

[https://ia.phoenixharbor.net/public/gallery/6MMHVAaetS3RMMMLu0aQUQH74fX\\_ND2bCY\\_35Y](https://ia.phoenixharbor.net/public/gallery/6MMHVAaetS3RMMMLu0aQUQH74fX_ND2bCY_35Y)

<https://ia.phoenixharbor.net/public/gallery/2gVJz20gphH9YtPpKqGCBX2TWictuqbyb7roW64>

[https://ia.phoenixharbor.net/public/gallery/hwKZFF4JseFL\\_Ec5C98BJFA3A8kTb4qNcG8B](https://ia.phoenixharbor.net/public/gallery/hwKZFF4JseFL_Ec5C98BJFA3A8kTb4qNcG8B)

This sub-section to this correspondence provides notice to the City of Marshalltown, IA, of the originator of this correspondence rights protected by Iowa Code Section 22.2(1).

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



*"Pattorff 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."*

*From 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/](https://www.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/Cn6Ksl0ME7s?list=Ect0A0ob10QeDPR4>

Doc: Call Sign/Pain Killer  
PureMind: Call Sign/Cipher Hunter  
Bench Press: Call Sign/Tropic Thunder

Night Club: Call Sign/OG

https://youtu.be/jh8EKY1b0kk?si=aS0z8aaqT7KkoXr

VA Nurse: "Excuse me, can I help you with something."
IPB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: "Yes, pretty Officer Merritt, where is he?"
VA Nurse: "He's in the community room wearing a Star Trek uniform."
IPB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: "Thank you!"
IPB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: "Pretty Officer Merritt, do you remember me from the July 2023 IPB Meeting?"
Cipher Hunter: "I'm not the crowd you are looking for... Damn, Jim, I'm a Doctor, not a public records requester."
IPB Legal Counsel Daniel Strawn, J.D.: "Oh, this is pointless this guy is fired."
IPB Board Member Julie Potoff: "Yeah, there's a reason why he's in here."
IPB Executive Director Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.: "Send his entire team is still requesting public records except for him. Take a look around anyway and make sure he is alone."
IPB Legal Counsel Daniel Strawn, J.D.: "Yes, Ma'am."
Tropic Thunder: "Oh Merritt, your jurisdiction expires."
Cipher Hunter: "Take care, guys, I can't finish Star Trek 7 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 IPB'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: "Ricky, I have already covered 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 give them the bird for free."
Woody 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 shiny sweating old bitch with the black ESP Phoenix guitar?"
USMC Staff Sergeant: "The Miralud?"
Bartender: "He may be the Miralud 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

"Thy our 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 utmost 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/KXow-xR8Qs?si=5agWfKwXU0eAgg4

Legal Disclaimer: This correspondence does not communicate a past, present, or future violation of the United States or Iowa Codes. This correspondence provides evidence of the passion within a constitutional poet who refuses to allow the rights and liberties of those he served for twenty years in the United States Navy to be impacted unethically or unlawfully by those who sit around public particle board tables in the State of Iowa who have produced evidence of not possessing the life experience, competence, ownership, or responsibility required to defend the rights, life, and liberty of others. The creative writing piece "The Form of Murdock" is loosely based on actual events. At the same time, it is intended to parody the screenplay dialog of television and motion picture characters created by Frank Luo and Stephen J. Cannell. Direct quotes shown next to employees of the State of Iowa are fictional; however, they are intended to manifest the spirit of the originator of this correspondence's perceived direct or indirect interactions with these employees.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Merritt, USN Retired/Writer
Founder: @phenixharbor
Creative Writer/Musician
Information Warfare Specialist
Information Systems Manager
cipher.hunter@phenixharbor.net

Lies and misrepresentations pay for the Iowa Legislature's bills in Erika's mErika."

Cipher Hunter

This electronic correspondence is published at the following URL:

https://phenixharbor.net/iv/blog/2024/02/19/the-form-of-murdock/

On Jan 16 2024, at 2:31 pm, cipherhunter <cipherhunter@phenixharbor.net> wrote:

<Cipher Hunter Logo 01.png>

MEMORANDUM

From: Michael J. Merritt, USN Retired/Writer
cipherhunter@phenixharbor.net

To: Iowa Municipal Government Bodies (Consolidated)
(Electronic Service – See: Enclosure: (28.)

Info: U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Federal Bureau of Investigation
4411 South 121st Court
Omaha, NE 68137-2112

Office of the Attorney General of Iowa
Hoover State Office Building
1305 E. Walnut Street
Des Moines IA 50319

Secretary of State Paul Pate, State of Iowa
First Floor, Lucas Building
321 E. 12th St.
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Oran Pape State Office Building
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Des Moines IA 50319

Poweshiek County, IA Attorney
4802 Barnes City Rd.
Montezuma, IA 50171

Poweshiek County, IA Sheriff
4802 Barnes City Rd.
Montezuma, IA 50171

Grinnell, IA Police Department
1020 Spring Street
Grinnell, IA 50112

Microsoft Corporation
One Microsoft Way
Redmond, Washington 98052-6399

Subj: 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

- 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 22 Examination of Public Records (Open Records) - Section 22.3 - Supervision—fees
3. Iowa Code Title I State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 22 Examination of Public Records (Open Records) - Section 22.8(4.6) - Injunction to restrain examination
4. Iowa Code Title I State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 22 Examination of Public Records (Open Records) - Section 22.10 - Civil enforcement
5. 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
6. Iowa Code Title XV Judicial Branch and Judicial Procedures, Chapter 659 Libel and Slander - Section 659.1 Pleading
7. Iowa Code Title XV Judicial Branch and Judicial Procedures, Chapter 659 Libel and Slander - Section 659.2 Libel — retraction — actual damages.
8. Iowa Code Title XV Judicial Branch and Judicial Procedures, Chapter 659 Libel and Slander - Section 659.3 Retraction — actual, special, and exemplary damages.
9. Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure - Iowa Code Chapter 708 - Assault - Iowa Code Section 708.7 - Harassment
10. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 714 Theft, Fraud, and Related Offenses - Section 714.8(4) Fraudulent practices defined.
11. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 714 Theft, Fraud, and Related Offenses - Section 714.9 Fraudulent practice in the first degree.
12. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 714 Theft, Fraud, and Related Offenses - Section 714.10 Fraudulent practice in the second degree.
13. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 714 Theft, Fraud, and Related Offenses - Section 714.11 Fraudulent practice in the third degree.
14. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 714 Theft, Fraud, and Related Offenses - Section 714.12 Fraudulent practice in the fourth degree.
15. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 714 Theft, Fraud, and Related Offenses - Section 714.13 Fraudulent practice in the fifth degree.
16. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 802 Limitations of Criminal Actions - Section 802.3 Felony—aggravated or serious misdemeanor.
17. Iowa Code Title XVI - Criminal Law and Procedure, Chapter 802 Limitations of Criminal Actions - Section 802.4 Simple misdemeanor—orinidance.
18. Iowa Rules of the Court Chapter 32.8.4

- Enc: 1. Kauffman, Clark "Persistent Newton Register Inquirer Proposal That Could Limit Iowa Public Records Access," The Des Moines Register, Iowa Capital Dispatch, 25 Sept. 2023, www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2023/09/25/iowa-public-records-access-could-be-restricted-in-reaction-to-one-man/70936174007/
2. Clark Kauffman, Iowa Capital Dispatch September 15. "Proposed Bill Would Block 'Vexatious' Citizens from Accessing Public Records," Iowa Capital Dispatch, 15 Sept. 2023, iowacapitaldispatch.com/2023/09/15/proposed-bill-would-block-vexatious-citizens-from-accessing-public-records/
3. Clark Kauffman, Iowa Capital Dispatch September 22. "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/
4. The Form of the Iowa Class Battleship and the Sea of Tyranny Manifested by Iowas Alleged Information Concealment Board, 29 SEP 2023
5. The Form of the Iowa Class Veteran, 07 OCT 2023
6. The Final Deployment, The Back Between Good and Evil, 21 NOV 2023
7. Lions, Tigers, Vexatious Records Requesters Oh My!, 06 DEC 2023
8. Declaration and Response to Iowa Civil Rights Commission Correspondence, 13 DEC 2023
9. 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 JAN 2024
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12. State of Iowa Notarized Affidavit - Chief of Police Michael Tupper - Marshalltown, IA Police Department - 16 AUG 2022 - \$54,915

- 13. Electronic Mail - Chief of Police Michael Tupper - Marshalltown, IA Police Department - 19 DEC 2022 - (Attachment)
- 14. Iowa Open Records Request - IT/IS Provider: Microsoft 365 - Consolidated - CM-X2 - 12 JUN 2023
- 15. Public Records Request Fee Invoice - Des Moines, County, IA - 23 JUN 2023 - \$9,293
- 16. Electronic Mail - Lee County, IA - 11 AUG 2023 - \$6,800
- 17. Electronic Mail - Greene County, IA - 24 JUN 2023 - \$1,558.44
- 18. Electronic Mail - Mills County, IA - 14 JUN 2023 - \$0
- 19. Public Records Request Fee Invoice - Iowa State University - 19 JUN 2023 - \$60
- 20. Electronic Mail - Madison County, IA - 27 JUN 2023 - \$320.43
- 21. Electronic Mail - Mahaska County, IA - 05 JUL 2023 - \$30.72
- 22. Electronic Mail - Clinton County, IA - 18 JUL 2023 - \$0
- 23. Electronic Mail - Clayton County, IA - 18 JUL 2023 - \$0
- 24. Electronic Mail - University of Iowa - 01 AUG 2023 - \$0
- 25. Electronic Mail - State of Iowa Attorney General - 01 AUG 2023 - \$0
- 26. Electronic Mail - State of Iowa Secretary of State - 11 AUG 2023 - \$0
- 27. Microsoft 365 Government- Iowa Government Bodies

28. 16 JAN 2024 - Iowa Municipal Government Body Public Records Request Inventory

**1. Navigating the Strait of Hormuz**

Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Eckley is documented in reference (2.) communicating the following:

*"We've had some issues with individuals filing hundreds of requests and engaging in abuse - what many would consider abusive and harassing conduct related to those," Eckley told the committee. "And so looking at it there's not a lot that individuals can do if they're in that situation. There's very little that they can do other than to continue to just take the harassment and continue to have to review the information from that individual to make sure they are complying with their (Open Records Law) requirements."*

*Clark Kauffman, Iowa Capital Dispatch September 15. "Proposed Bill Would Block 'Vexatious' Citizens from Accessing Public Records." Iowa Capital Dispatch, 15 Sept. 2023. iowacapitaldispatch.com/2023/09/15/proposed-bill-would-block-vexatious-citizens-from-accessing-public-records/.*

*"She added that she has "become aware of an individual basically automating across all counties, all school boards, all cities, and such, seeking extensive records and then the communications after that can be quite abusive and harassing."*

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- (d.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the electronic mail address [erika.eckley@iowa.gov](mailto: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 (28.), including the electronic mail address [brett.toredahl@iowa.gov](mailto:brett.toredahl@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 (28.), including the electronic mail address [daniel.strawhun@iowa.gov](mailto: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 stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the electronic mail address [ipib@iowa.gov](mailto: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.

**3. Request Guidance**

- (a.) The originator requests to be informed of any estimated fees in accordance with Iowa Code Section 22.3 before performing the requested search.
- (b.) The desired format of requested data: Thumb drive (at the government body published rate) or electronically submitted portable document formatted (PDF) files.
- (c.) Distribution of Requested Records: Priority United States Postal Service (USPS) mail or electronic mail sent to the originator of this request.

**4. The Form of Government Body Public Records Contract Bidding**

When a government body produces evidence of conduct that is inconsistent with Iowa Code Chapter 22, the Light identifies a path forward through the submission of identical record requests to other government bodies within the same jurisdiction, producing a test bed of data that will assist with confirming or disputing preliminary theories or speculation.

Enclosures (14.) through (25.) represent responses to Enclosure (13.) from government bodies that public domain name system (DNS) MX records show utilize commercial information technology/information system services provided by Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft; 365).

The originator of this records request is in the process of completing the development of a public database of public records retrieval data to assist Iowans with a free resource to assist in the protection of their rights. The originator of this request is anticipating having request completion receipts transmitted for all previous requests by 15 FEB 2024.

<https://phoenixharbor.net/iw/blog/2024/01/16/the-form-of-the-marshalltown-ia-bobcat/>

Enclosures (17.) through (25.) provide evidence of honorably and ethically performed government body public record searches utilizing modern commercial information system data storage solutions. Enclosures (18.), (19.), and (20.) provide evidence of acceptable levels of deviation in light of government body articulated and detailed communications of specific government body variables.

**5. The Form of the Iowa Public Information Board**

The form of the Iowa Public Information Board is displayed by the evidence that shows that upon receipt of evidence showing Iowa government body behavior against an Iowa public records requester consistent with the requirements of Iowa Code Section 708.7(1)(a)(4.) the Iowa Public Information Board did nothing to protect the rights of citizens. On the contrary, the Iowa Public Information Board utilized tax dollars to produce a proposed addition to Iowa Code Chapter 23, allowing it to terminate citizens' rights to request public records "for a specified period of time, but not to exceed one year"; (See: Proposed Iowa Code Section 23.8A(1)) At the same time, the Iowa Public Information Board spread a false criminal allegation supported by zero evidence against that public records requester (See: Enclosures (1.), (2.) and (3.)) to fuel and justify this proposed legislation while protecting government bodies from accountability regarding evidence of their abuse of power and hostility toward an Iowa public records requester regarding requested public records evidence indicates these government bodies desired not to release. (Note: Section 9 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa states: "Right of trial by jury—due process of law. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate; but the general assembly may authorize trial by a jury of a less number than twelve men in inferior courts; but no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.")

Ultimately, this behavior manifested by the Iowa Public Information Board is the responsibility of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Legislature as articulated in Iowa Code Sections 23.3(1.).

*"An Iowa public information board is created consisting of nine members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. No more than three members appointed shall be representatives from the media including newspapers and no more than three members appointed shall be representatives of cities, counties, and other political subdivisions of the state." Iowa Code Title 1 State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 23 Public Access to Government Information (Iowa Public Information Board Act) - Section 23.3(1.) - Board appointed —executive director.*

Evidence showing that Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Erika Eckley's actions, selection, and continued appointment are the responsibility of the Iowa Public Information Board is shown in Iowa Code Section 23.3(6.).

*"The board shall select one of its members to serve as chairperson and shall employ a person who shall be an attorney admitted to practice law before the courts of this state to serve as the executive director of the board." Iowa Code Title 1 State Sovereignty and Management, Chapter 23 Public Access to Government Information (Iowa Public Information Board Act) - Section 23.3(6.) - Board appointed —executive director.*

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**Michael J. Merritt:** *"How can we trust the copied and pasted words of attorneys that your Executive Director puts on her dismissals when the evidence shows that those people, including City Attorney Brick on the intercom, are documented liars? If I harassed or threatened the City of Newton, I know that is aggressive language, and I apologize, but I have been pretty brutally attacked, and I have done nothing wrong to anybody, and I don't appreciate it."*

**Iowa Public Information Board Chairman:** *"The only cases that we can discuss are ones that involve Chapter 21 and Chapter 22."*

**Michael J. Merritt:** *"I understand that Ma'am, I understand that, but the problem here is, is that you are basing a dismissal off of testimony that the evidence shows is people that are not speaking testimony that is supported by evidence. You are documenting your dismissal based on the words of people that evidence shows use manipulative and evoking language to produce a dialog and sum that will correlate to produce the sum that they are after, and it does not matter to me what this board does dismiss or otherwise the truth always perpetuates itself and as I have no children anymore to invest my life in I have plenty of time to investigate this board's failure to properly protect citizens rights in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 22, and I respectfully submit that is what my intention is to do."*

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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD

- Dan Breitbarth, Des Moines - Government Representative
- Joan Corbin, Pella - Government Representative
- E. J. Giovannetti, Urbandale - Public Representative
- Barry Lindahl, Dubuque - Government Representative
- Joel McCrea, Pleasant Hill - Media Representative
- Monica McHugh, Zwingle - Public Representative
- Julie Pottorff, Des Moines - Public Representative
- Jackie Schmillen, Urbandale - Media Representative
- vacant - Public Representative

Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Erika Eckley, J.D., M.P.A.  
Iowa Public Information Board Deputy Director Brett J. Toresdahl  
Iowa Public Information Board Legal Counsel Daniel Strawhun, J.D.

**6. Conclusion**

The originator of this record request directs the State of Iowa to either file a criminal complaint against the originator of this request with the respective law enforcement agency or clear a flight path in accordance with the US and Iowa Codes.

**7. The Form of the Constitutional Maverick**

An independent force fueled by theological beliefs, philosophical ethics, and inner pain that can only exist while pushing the envelope and raising the bar in accordance with our laws. A force that cannot rest and is only satisfied once the people have been provided a view of the truth and what is possible when we work together.

Leadership is a paradigm that fearlessly paves a path only to the truth and a world that provides freedom and equality for all, regardless of adversity or calculated personal loss that stands in its path.

The closer this watch brings me to this world's nails, the more my soul is filled with passion for raising my ship's sail.

**Cipher Hunter:** *"Cipher Hunter to Government Body, Entering 22.8-4-Delta threshold, confirm receipt of public records request."*

**Government Body:** *"Cipher Hunter: Government Body, receipt of public records request confirmed; however, the Iowa Public Information Board is pursuing the termination of your rights based upon an allegation of criminal conduct missing from the Iowa Court's docket."*

**Cipher Hunter:** *"Well, I am going to keep submitting them anyway, setting time to evidence of alleged Iowa government body fraud related to excessive fees request for citizen access to public records and other abuses of power, four months. File your response. Cipher Hunter inbound."*  
<https://youtu.be/DqRtGu8SVU7s#mGdu1ETHdIBu05>

*"Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."*

John 11:49-50, Holy Bible New International Version

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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