Do they want it public, or hidden?

Walla Walla County 26-2-00735-36. One file for the cell-phones page. Heather Black's request, Steve Goncalves on brute force, then the court filings.

Wanting Kaylee's phone back is not the same as wanting the public to see what is on it.

Alivea Goncalves, Karen Laramie, and Stacy, James, and Maizie Chapin sued the City of Walla Walla to stop release of the mirrored phone data. Steve and Kristi are not the petitioners. The complaint calls six other requests broad: Autumn Buttrice (26-1477, 26-1683), Howard Zweben (26-1558, 26-1741), "Sewell" (26-1644), Connor Hearn (26-1488). The request below is not one of those six.

What Steve said about brute force

Courtroom Confidential, September 28, 2026, Joshua Ritter with Steve and Kristi Goncalves. Captions are auto-generated. Kaylee comes out as Kyle. Latah comes out as Lake Tal. GrayKey comes out as Gray Key. Times are approximate.

> *About 48:08. They are not going to give the phone back. "Now the prosecutor wants to be a prosecutor. Now he wants to do his job. So it's going to take about four or five years for this brute force to be over."*
>
> *About 48:32. "Because they're trying to unlock it. We could never give them a code. We didn't know. We gave them what we thought was possible. We came up with ideas. Jack didn't know. We didn't know. And they could never unlock it. So they're using what's called a brute-force system… every scenario is possible. And they're going through that now trying to figure out a code. They're currently trying to unlock it."*
>
> *About 50:00. "We have to go back to court if we want it back. He won't return it to us." Shannon Gray wanted to file. Steve put that case in Latah County, possibly before Judge Megan Marshall, and said they would side with the prosecution.*
>
> *About 51:32. A restraining order was filed against Walla Walla. He then called Walla Walla awesome. A staffer was in tears. Thompson told them to hold it. "We don't have it, Steve. We don't. We can't return it to you." Steve said the family would never have known to ask Walla Walla.*
>
> *About 52:18. "When he finally got it, he had a program called Gray Key. Then he put it into Gray Key and said, now I have it, now I've locked it. I don't have to give it back."*

That story does not match the extraction record

Det. Ruchert's WWPD field report says that on November 25, 2022, WWPD received four Apple iPhones from MPD Det. Lawrence Mowery, designated Kaylee Goncalves' phone priority item 22M-1812, completed a GrayKey AFU extraction, and created a USB. Mowery took the phone and the USB the same day. An AFU extraction is a full file-system pull. It is not a four-year brute-force still running in 2026.

Years later the State still told the defense Moscow had been unable to unlock this phone. Steve is still saying, in September 2026, that they never had a code and are brute-forcing it now. Both cannot be the working account. Either the November 25 GrayKey AFU exists, or they are still guessing a passcode. The paper says the extraction was done.

The request that got these filings

Heather Black. Washington Public Records Act, RCW 42.56. Received by WWPD Records. Portal file "Heather Black - Request.pdf," released to the requester September 29, 2026.

> *"This is a request for public records under RCW 42.56. WWPD is the records custodian. Moscow Police have stated they do not possess these extraction files. WWPD Det. Ruchert's field report documents that on November 25, 2022, WWPD received four Apple iPhones from MPD Det. Lawrence Mowery, designated Kaylee Goncalves' phone as priority item 22M-1812, completed a GrayKey AFU extraction, and created a USB. WWPD still holds that work product."*

Devices: Kaylee Mae Goncalves (22M-1812), Madison Mogen, Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle.

Four fields only, from the November 25, 2022 extractions and any later WWPD parse of the same devices: (1) steps, HealthKit / motion-coprocessor step count; (2) last unlock time; (3) lock / unlock events and timestamps; (4) pocket state, in-pocket / on-body / pocket-state or equivalent. Window only: November 12, 2022, 12:00 a.m. through November 13, 2022, 12:00 p.m. Pacific. “I do not request messages, photos, contacts, location, call logs, or any other HealthKit category.”

Also produce: Ruchert supplements for 11/25/2022 and 11/29/2022; evidence, property, and media logs for 22M-1812, the other three phones, and the USB burned 11/25; hash values for each extraction or USB; any written direction from Latah County Prosecuting Attorney Bill Thompson, MPD, ISP, or FBI telling WWPD to withhold, retain, or not release these files.

“Do not refer this request to Moscow PD. Search WWPD servers, GrayKey workstation, evidence room, and email. If you withhold any part, cite the exact RCW 42.56 exemption for each item and state whether WWPD’s assist file is closed.” If withheld under RCW 42.56.240, identify the document, the subsection, and why steps, last unlock, lock events, and pocket state for a 36-hour window remain essential to effective law enforcement after a guilty plea and sentence.

Closing statement on the request, not a change of scope: “This request is limited to steps, last unlock, lock events, and pocket state for a 36-hour window. That is last-activity / last-sign-of-life data. It is not messages, photos, or private content.” It cites Steve’s interview: Thompson told Walla Walla to hold the work, and someone from Walla Walla called him in tears. It asks WWPD, the agency that extracted the phones, for that narrow slice so the public is not left only with Moscow’s account.

What the City did

October 6, 2026, 2:56 p.m., staff message on the portal: records released in the Documents tab. “The City has been served with the attached documents. Therefore, production on this request is on hold until we receive an order from the court.” A hearing had been set before Judge Brandon L. Johnson, Department One, Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 9:30 a.m. PST. The court cancelled it. Earliest the City will address the request: November 4, 2026, if a court order exists by then. Requester may appear in person or by Webex.

Documents released that day, and attached after this note: summons; complaint for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief; notice of appearance filed September 30, 2026, June L. Riley for the City.

Brady is the question, not a finding. Those four fields are last-activity data. The complaint never mentions Brady. It says the data has no legitimate public interest. A request that already waived messages and photos is still frozen. If the 36-hour slice matches the State, the hold protects nothing this request asked for. If it does not, it is the kind of record the defense is entitled to test. This note is not a finding that any family suppressed evidence.

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Petitioners,

vs.

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Respondent.

Case No. 26 2 00735 36

SUMMONS
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TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA:

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above entitled court by the above referenced Petitioners, ALIVEA GONCALVES, KAREN LARAMIE, JAMES CHAPIN, STACY CHAPIN, and MAIZIE CHAPIN. Petitioners' claim is stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the complaint by stating your defense in writing, and by serving a copy upon the person signing this Summons within 20 days after the service of this Summons, excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where plaintiff is entitled to what

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she or he asks for because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

You may demand that the Petitioners file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this Summons. Within 14 days after you serve the demand, the plaintiff must file this lawsuit with the court, or the service on you of this Summons and Complaint will be void.

If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time. This Summons is pursuant to rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

The foregoing was served upon the Respondent electronically, to City Clerk Lisa Neissl, consistent with the Respondent's Acceptance of Service filed herein, on September 23, 2026, at the following email address: lneissl@wallawallawa.gov.

DATED: September 23, 2026

Co-Counsel on behalf of Petitioners and
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY.

THIS 30 DAY OF Sept. 2026

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TO: Clerk of the Superior Court, Walla Walla County, and to Petitioners ALIVEA GONCALVES, KAREN LARAMIE, JAMES CHAPIN, STACY CHAPIN and MAZIE CHAPIN, by and through their respective Attorney's of Record, Erin Tomlin, WSBA#57973, Tomlin Law Office, PLLC, 224 W. Third Street, Moscow, Idaho 83843 and Leander L. James, WSBA#24043, James, Vernon & Weeks, PA, 1626 Lincoln Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned hereby enters her Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Respondent, the City of Walla Walla, a municipal corporation.

RESPONDENT WAIVES NO DEFENSES OR OBJECTIONS BY THIS NOTICE OF APPEARANCE.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2026,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, June Riley, declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Washington that a copy of the within document was placed in a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope, one of which was addressed to Erin Tomlin, Attorney at Law, Tomlin Law Office, PLLC, 224 W. Third Street, Moscow, Idaho 83843 and the a second one of which was addressed to Leander L. James, Attorney at Law, James, Vernon & Weeks, PA, 1626 Lincoln Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

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COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

COMES NOW the above-named Petitioners ALIVEA GONCALVES, by and through her attorney of record, ERIN TOMLIN, of TOMLIN LAW OFFICE, PLLC, and the above-named Petitioners STACY CHAPIN and JAMES CHAPIN (a married couple), Petitioner MAIZIE CHAPIN, and Petitioner KAREN LARAMIE, by and through their attorney of record, LEANDER L. JAMES, of the law firm JAMES, VERNON & WEEKS, P.A., (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Petitioners") and jointly seek an immediate and permanent injunction restraining Respondent, the CITY OF WALLA WALLA from releasing personal, private, and comprehensive cellular phone data, i.e., mirrored mobile-forensic data (hereinafter "Requested Data") of

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unspecified and foreseeable vastly broad data content from the four (4) different cellular telephones that belonged to Kaylee Goncalves, Ethan Chapin, Madison Mogen, and Xana Kernodle (collectively hereinafter referred to as "Decedents" and/or "Victims"). The Victims were stabbed to death on November 13, 2022, in Moscow, Idaho, resulting in a high-profile murder case that garnered worldwide attention. Petitioners are surviving family members of the Victims.

Petitioners bring this action pursuant to the Washington Public Records Act, RCW 42.46 *et seq.*, the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Washington, and all other applicable law.

I. BACKGROUND

Public records requestors ("Requestors") have submitted six broad FOIA requests under Washington's Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW, to the City of Walla Walla ("City") for disclosure of data contained on the phones of four murder victims. Petitioners are family members of the victims. The City is unable to access the data because it does not have the necessary program to do so. Thus, the City is unable to determine what the data contains, whether any of it is responsive to the FOIA requests, and whether disclosure of any data would violate the privacy rights of the victims or Petitioners.

II. RELIEF REQUESTED

Petitioners seek a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction that prohibit the City from releasing the phone data. Petitioners claim and allege that:

- The FOIA requests are overbroad and not reasonably defined.
- Some or all of the Requested Data is exempt from public disclosure.
- The City cannot determine if any of the requested data is exempt from public disclosure

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because it cannot access the data.

- The City cannot determine whether disclosure of Requested Data will violate the rights of the victim, the Petitioners, or third parties because the City cannot access the data.
- The Requested Data is inaccessible for the Respondent's required review, and therefore unidentifiable to them.
- The Requested Data likely contains information that, if released to the public, would be highly offensive to a reasonable person and would cause Petitioners and third parties irreparable harm, including severe emotional distress and trauma with physical manifestations.
- The FOIA requests are violative of third-party privacy interests.
- The Requested Data is not of legitimate interest to the public.
- The Requested Data is protected crime victim information, essential to protect any person's right to privacy in such kind of statutorily categorized records including, but not limited to:

1. The right of the Petitioners to privacy in their personal lives and familial relationships and their right to be protected far outweighs the scant public interest in the Requested Data.

2. The right of the reputational integrity and privacy on behalf of each of the Victims, and their right to be protected far outweighs the scant public interest in the Requested Data, which foreseeably includes their Personal Protected Information (hereinafter "PPI") and similarly personal and otherwise private information contained on their cellular phones, of which data exists 'as-is' abruptly forevermore without the Victims' ability to defend or explain otherwise released private information with no legitimate governmental

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accountability purpose for public transparency.

3. The right of privacy to any third-party or entity whose private communications may exist on the Requested Data and thereby has a right of protection from public disclosure any of their private information exchanged or communicated with Victims, and assuredly contained on all four (4) Victims' comprehensive cellular phone data as it existed at the time of their murders, which far outweighs the scant public interest in the Requested Data, which has no bearing on governmental accountability and legitimate public interest.

The Requested Data will be released by the Respondent if they are not restrained immediately and permanently enjoined by this Court and would constitute a violative invasion of personal privacy causing extreme emotional distress with trauma and irreparable harm to the Petitioners, and any affected unknown Third Parties.

The attached and contemporaneously filed *Summons, Acceptance of Service, Motion for Status Review and Scheduling Conference* and *Notice of Remote Hearing* are incorporated in this action.

For their cause of action against the above-named Respondent, Petitioners complain and allege as follows:

III. PARTIES

The Petitioners are five (5) individuals who are representative surviving family members of the Victims and have constitutional and statutory crime victim rights in Idaho since November 13, 2022. The Respondent is a public entity beholden to applicable public record laws. The other individuals or entities also referenced below in sections (6) and (8)A-F are not litigants but whose conduct or acts have materially affected the matter herein or who may be interested parties,

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necessitating Petitioners to seek relief before this Court:

1. Petitioner Alivea Goncalves (also referred to herein as "Alivea") is the biological eldest sister of Kaylee Goncalves (hereinafter "Kaylee" or "Decedent"), who was murdered on November 13, 2022.

2. Petitioner Karen Laramie (also referred to herein as "Karen") is the biological mother of Madison Mogen (hereinafter "Maddie" or "Decedent"), who was murdered on November 13, 2022.

3. Petitioner Stacy Chapin (also referred to herein as "Stacy") is the biological mother of Ethan Chapin (hereinafter referred to as "Ethan" or "Decedent"), who was murdered on November 13, 2022.

4. Petitioner James Chapin (also referred to herein as "Jim") is the biological father of Ethan Chapin (hereinafter referred to as "Ethan" or "Decedent"), who was murdered on November 13, 2022.

5. Petitioner Maizie Chapin (also referred to herein as "Maizie") is one of the biological triplet siblings of Ethan Chapin (hereinafter referred to as "Ethan" or "Decedent"), who was murdered on November 13, 2022.

6. The City of Moscow in Latah County, Idaho, is an Idaho Municipal Corporation approximately eight (8) miles from the Idaho-Eastern Washington border. The City of Moscow incorporates all its operating departments including the Moscow Police Department.

7. Respondent, the City of Walla Walla in Walla Walla County, Washington, is a Washington Municipal Corporation. The City of Walla Walla incorporates all its operating departments

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including the Walla Walla Police Department, who provided mobile-forensic data investigative agency assistance to the Moscow Police Department in November 2022.

8. Requestors of the records at issue herein are four individuals who submitted six (6) public record requests upon Respondent between July 21, 2026, and August 23, 2026, which are all attached and incorporated herein and identified as follows, along with the Respondent's partial response(s) to each request to date (the City of Walla Walla's partial responsive records already released to the requestors set forth above are not of issue here):

A. **EXHIBIT A**, Public Record Request No. 26-1477, by Autumn Buttice.

B. **EXHIBIT B**, Public Record Request No. 26-1558, by Howard Zweben.

C. **EXHIBIT C**, Public Record Request No. 26-1644, by "Sewell" (no full name provided).

D. **EXHBIT D**, Public Record Request No. 26-1683, by Autumn Buttice.

E. **EXHIBIT E**, Public Record Request No. 26-1741, by Howard Zweben.

F. **EXHIBIT F**, Public Record Request No. 26-1488, by Connor Hearn

IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the claims asserted in this action pursuant to RCW 42.56.050, RCW 42.56.240(1) and (2), and RCW 42.56.540.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over Respondent pursuant to RCW 2.08.010, RCW 7.40.010 and RCW 42.56.540.

3. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to RCW 36.01.050 and RCW 36.01.050 and RCW 4.12.025 and RCW 4.92.010 because the cause of action arose in Walla Walla County, Washington, and pursuant to RCW 42.46.540 because the public records at issue are

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maintained in Walla Walla County and stored by the custodian, the Walla Walla Police Department.

V. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS AND RELEVANT HISTORY RELATED TO STATE OF IDAHO V. BRYAN C. KOHBERGER, CASE NO. CR01-24-1665

The Bryan C. Kohberger (hereinafter "Kohberger") case is a high-profile murder case that garnered worldwide attention. Aside from Kohberger's initial arrest/extradition court proceedings, all litigation in or related to the Kohberger case has occurred in Idaho. Petitioners' claims and allegations are as follows:

1. On November 13, 2022, Maddie Mogen, Kaylee Goncalves, Xana Kernodle and Ethan Chapin were present within the residence at 1122 King Road in Moscow Idaho. Maddie Mogen, Kaylee Goncalves and Xana Kernodle resided at this location; Ethan Chapin was visiting. On that night, the Victims were stabbed to death within the residence by Kohberger, a Washington State University criminology graduate student.

2. All four (4) of the Victims' cellular phones were located at 1122 King Road and seized by the Moscow Police Department.

3. On December 30, 2022, Kohberger was arrested at his parents' home in Pennsylvania and extradited to Moscow, Latah County, Idaho, to face four (4) counts of first-degree murder and one (1) count of felony burglary, in the first venue of the resulting criminal court proceedings before the case was transferred to Ada County, Idaho, which is where its venue remains to date.

4. The invasive nature of public scrutiny and the unwanted and unwarranted public into Petitioners' personal and private lives had already begun by the time Kohberger was arrested; the public's unwarranted invasion into the privacy and reputations of the Victims

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had already crossed the line from 'interested' as the public is expected to be, to 'harmful' by the date Kohberger was arrested, which Petitioners believe established a foundation for sensationalized or pecuniary non-legitimate public interest in investigative public records about the case.

5. On or about January 4, 2023, nearly simultaneous to Kohberger's extradited arrival in Idaho from Pennsylvania, Latah County Magistrate Judge Megan Marshall issued a Non-Dissemination Order (hereinafter referred to as "Gag Order") prohibiting involved prosecutors, defense attorneys, investigators and law enforcement personnel or their agents from making any extrajudicial statements unless it was in the publicly available court record.

6. This Gag Order included specific prohibitions related to the character, credibility, reputation, or criminal record of an involved party; results, performance, or the refusal to participate in any tests or examinations; any opinion about the merits of the case or the claims or defense of a party; and any information that could interfere with a fair trial. Shortly thereafter on or about January 19, 2023, the Gag Order was amended to also prohibit attorneys representing a Victim's surviving family member or a witness from also making any extrajudicial statements.

7. By June 2023, venue was transferred, along with Kohberger, from rural close-knit Latah County in North Idaho, near the eastern Washington border, to Ada County, Idaho, in the capital city of Boise after the community of Moscow was inundated with reporters and probing visitors for nearly seven (7) consecutive months.

8. While the venue transfer effectively mitigated concerns about seating an impartial

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jury or alleviating resources strained by the additional challenges of such a high-profile case in a relatively small rural college town, it also demonstrated a sustained and ongoing pattern of invasive and non-legitimate public interest that is at issue here.

9. On December 28, 2023, despite the venue transfer across much of a large geographical state, 1122 King Road was demolished. The demolition, like the venue transfer, served an immediate practical purpose (removal of an unusable stigmatized property) but also demonstrated the problematic public interest in the case.

10. 1122 King Road became a morbid epicenter for fascination about the case until it was demolished, which also served to mitigate non-legitimate public interest from stopping to see or take pictures of the house, in a neighborhood with little physical space for being a destination.

11. On July 2, 2025, Kohberger changed his plea(s) and admitted to unlawfully entering 1122 King Road and stabbing all of the Victims to death just prior to the scheduled trial.

12. On July 17, 2025, the Gag Order was lifted and no longer in effect. Public record requests, mostly submitted to the City of Moscow, became voluminous and privacy concerns for the Petitioners increased as public interest, generally, became more volatile than it had already been.

13. On July 23, 2025, Kohberger was sentenced to four (4) consecutive terms of life in prison without parole, and an additional ten (10) years for committing felony burglary.

14. On August 12, 2025, Maddie's mother, the Petitioner Karen Laramie, filed a lawsuit against the City of Moscow for temporary and permanent injunctive relief after the release of 186 graphic crime scene photos constituted an unwarranted invasion into her personal

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privacy and caused her extreme emotional distress and trauma.

15. On information and belief, the City of Moscow received approximately 1,150 public record requests about the case within less than one (1) month after the Gag Order was lifted. They continue to receive numerous and ongoing public record requests about the case; they have denied responses to requests for the Requested Data at issue here due to applicable privacy exemptions prohibiting their release in Idaho.

16. Shortly after Karen filed suit, James and Stacy Chapin and Maizie Chapin joined Karen in the lawsuit, having also experienced unwarranted invasion into their personal privacy and severe emotional distress resulting from the overly graphic photos' release.

17. On October 1, 2025, the *Laramie* court permanently granted the injunctive relief sought in part and ordered that the City of Moscow is "permanently restrained from disclosing photographs or videos without first blacking out any areas within those investigatory records that depict any portion of the bodies of the decedents or the blood immediately surrounding them." *Laramie et al. v. City of Moscow,* Judgment Granting Permanent Injunction, Case No. CV29-25-0755, District Court for the Second Judicial District, State of Idaho (October 1, 2025).

18. In January 2026, EWU Media LLC filed a lawsuit against the City of Moscow for allegedly withholding non-exempt from disclosure public records and over-redacting crime scene records in response to their record request. Karen, Jim, Stacy, and Maizie intervened; the court's ruling following final oral arguments remains outstanding at the time of Petitioners' action here.

19. There is an established pattern of non-legitimate and invasive public interest which will

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be exacerbated by the release of the Requested Data, which on its own would be violative and highly offensive to a reasonable person. Release of the Requested Data to further create and expand on existing invasive digital content already exploitive to the Petitioners and Victims is terrifying.

20. In March 2026, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed Senate Bill 1250 into law after it unanimously passed the House and the Senate to increase protections for grieving families following additional scrutiny over the exploitation of the Victims' surviving family members in this case due to invasive public interest. The law prevents photos from death investigations being made public and was effective July 1, 2026.

21. On July 27, 2026, Kohberger filed a petition for Post-Conviction Relief seeking to withdraw his guilty pleas. The Court subsequently established a schedule for further post-conviction proceedings, including a status conference on June 3, 2027, and a potential Evidentiary Hearing beginning June 17, 2027. Kohberger was appointed new defense counsel, who has moved to disqualify the Ada County District Judge presiding over the case since its venue transfer, which remains pending. Although Kohberger's criminal convictions and sentences remain in effect, litigation arising from his convictions remains ongoing and continues to receive substantial invasive public and media attention, affecting the Petitioners and the potential integrity of the ongoing litigation.

22. The Respondent provided third-party notification to Petitioners regarding the various public record requests at issue here, and that the deadline for Petitioners to respond was September 30, 2026, and that absent any response(s), the Requested Data would be released.

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23. On September 15, 2026, the Latah County Prosecutor's Office released an official press statement regarding viable report(s) of leaked unredacted crime scene photos and the damage and harm caused to the Victims and their Survivors by such violative conduct.

24. On information and belief, the Victims' four (4) cellular phones were brought to the Walla Walla Police Department by the Moscow Police Department early in their investigation for forensic-mobile data services immediately unavailable to Moscow Police Department at that time and this was categorized as an 'agency assist'.

25. On information and belief, the Walla Walla Police Department completed the request and provided the saved data on a hard drive to the Moscow Police Department, which was physically exchanged between agencies and the cellular phones were also returned.

26. On information and belief, the data obtained by the Walla Walla Police Department and saved digitally and duplicated on the exchanged hard drive was not (and is still not) accessible or comprehensive to them or other Respondent departments without additional forensic tools(s), which they did not have during their agency assist and have not acquired since then.

27. On information and belief, the Moscow Police Department used a separate forensic tool to access and review the data file(s) on the exchanged hard drive and have maintained and stewarded those accessible and comprehensible data files since.

28. On information and belief, the City of Walla Walla Police Department is custodian of data files (the Requested Data) that mirror the data files the Moscow Police Department accessed once placed on their exchanged hard drive and only the City of Moscow is the custodian of those reviewed, organized, and comprehensible data files related to any and

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all content sourced from the Victims' cellular phones.

29. On information and belief, the Respondent is custodian of a digital file(s) it cannot access. It does not know what the data file(s) contain and cannot identify or review the records requested. Only the City of Moscow Police Department has the extracted files of the sourced cellular phone(s) data in a format accessible and organized and all same or similar public record requests to the City of Moscow have been denied as the Requested Data is protected by Idaho law for public disclosure.

30. The Requested Data is overly broad and unidentifiable and impossible to review for applicable exemptions or appropriate redactions, rendering the requestors' requests invalid. RCW 42.56.080(1)(a).

31. Responsive deadlines and responses otherwise required of Respondent do not apply in this case; they cannot be held to disclosure or response deadlines following over-broad requests for records that they cannot access, identify, or review to determine if disclosure of the data will violate the rights of the victims, Petitioners or third-parties. Nor can the City determine what redactions are necessary.

32. The overly broad and unidentifiable Requested Data is raw mobile-forensic data belonging to crime victims, which are essential to protect as part of a public custodian's stewardship duty to such records, and would highly offend a reasonable person and cause the Petitioners irreparable harm and extreme and emotional distress with trauma and physical manifestations if released; requestors or members of the public, once in that domain, could foreseeably obtain software or the forensic tool to access the raw Requested Data, without ever having been reviewed or analyzed by the custodian, the Respondent,

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and such data contains information that is private to the Victims, the Petitioners, and other unidentifiable third-parties, and, therefore, the Respondent should be temporarily and permanently enjoined from releasing the Requested Data.

VI. CAUSES OF ACTION

CLAIM 1: Declaratory Judgment Pursuant to Chapter 7.24. RCW

Petitioners re-allege and incorporate by reference all previous allegations contained in this Complaint.

Declaratory Judgment is appropriate in this case because all the elements set forth in Chapter 7.24 RCW are met:

1. There is an actual, present, and existing dispute;

2. Between parties having genuine and opposing interests;

3. Which involves direct and substantial interest that;

4. Necessitate a judicial determination of which be final and conclusive.

Petitioners are entitled to prompt disposition of this matter under the Public Records Act of Washington (PRA)(RCW 42.56) and the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act (RCW 7.24) because the release of the Requested Data will cause Petitioners irreparable harm. Disclosure of these crime victims' private and personal records and data, which also contain personal and private information of Petitioners, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy and would cause Petitioners immediate and substantial harm. It is therefore necessary to clarify by judicial declaration that the Requested Data at issue are exempt from disclosure under the PRA.

CLAIM 2: Injunctive Relief Pursuant to Chapter 7.40 RCW, 42.56.050 and 42.56.540

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Petitioners re-allege and incorporate by reference all previous allegations contained in this Complaint.

This Court has jurisdiction to enjoin release of public records exempt from disclosure if their release would "clearly not be in the public interest and could substantially irreparably damage any person…". RCW 42.56.540.

The release of the Requested Data not already provided to requestors will be highly offensive, and protected personal private information is of no legitimate concern to the public. RCW 42.56.050.

The Requested Data is clearly not in the public interest and could substantially irreparably damage Petitioners.

CLAIM 3: Constitutional Right to Privacy

Petitioners re-allege and incorporate by reference all previous allegations contained in this Complaint.

Article 1, Section 7, of the Washington State Constitution prohibits an individual's affairs from being disturbed. The United States Constitution also grants individuals the fundamental right to privacy.

Petitioners have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the Requested Data because it is personal and PPI information to likely include, but not be limited to, all deleted content, all apps and their related activity including financial and health data, all electronic transactions occurring through the mobile device, all photos including those with third-parties or others who did not consent to public release, all messages including SMS communications and WhatsApp which presumably include communications of the Victims, Petitioners, and third-parties who did not

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consent to public dissemination of their communications, videos, and all emails including presumably the Victims' university-issued email communications which are also subject to dissemination restrictions pursuant to the privacy protections afforded students by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The PPI includes information and communications of Petitioners, and they have not consented to its disclosure.

The PRA does not override constitutional protections. Releasing the Requested Data at issue would serve no viable legitimate public interest and would violate Petitioners' constitutional right to privacy. Release should therefore be enjoined.

Claim 4: Inaccessible and Unidentifiable Records are Broadly Problematic

Petitioners re-allege and incorporate by reference all previous allegations contained in this Complaint. Washington requires a public record request to "for identifiable records. A request for all or substantially all records prepared, owned, used, or retained by an agency is not a valid request for identifiable records." RCW 42.56.080(1)(a). The Respondent is unable to access the Requested Data and begin their statutorily required review of the request. Without being able to access the digital file(s), they are unable to identify or review the Requested Data for applicable exemptions and statutorily recognized privacy interests and cannot provide timely responses or records if a request is invalid and, thereby, render Respondent relieved from responsive deadlines.

Claim 5: Respondent has no Duty to Create a New Responsive Record

To provide the Requested Data would necessitate the Respondent to create a new and otherwise non-existent record in their file(s), duplicative of what the City of Moscow Police Department created as part of their investigation, but without the investigative insight of a

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relevance metric to sort and organize. The Respondent has not done so, nor are they required to. RCW 43.105.355; RCW 40.14.026; WAC 44-14-04003(6). "When a requestor requests records in an electronic format, the public records officer will provide the nonexempt records or portions of such records that are reasonably locatable in an electronic format that is used by the (name of agency) and is generally commercially available, or in a format that is reasonably translatable from the format in which the agency keeps the record." WAC 44-14-50(1)(2). Similarly, Respondent has no duty to purchase software or forensic tools or any related user training programs for staff to access the Requested Data and perform subsequent necessary reviews and analysis prior to any disclosure(s). WAC 44-14-50(3).

Release should therefore be enjoined.

VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioners respectfully request that the Court grant the following relief:

1. A Declaratory Judgment that the records in question are exempt from disclosure under the PRA's exemptions established by RCW 42.56.050, as well as the constitutional provisions of the State of Washington and the United States and all other applicable law(s).

2. A Declaratory Judgment that the City of Walla Walla, as a matter of law, is prohibited from making available for public inspection or release as to the Requested Data in question.

3. A temporary restraining order and preliminary and permanent injunctions under Chapter 7.40 RCW and RCW 42.56.540 barring the Respondent from producing the Requested Data in question.

4. Leave to freely amend the pleadings to conform the evidence.

5. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just, proper, and equitable.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Co-Counsel this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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EXHIBIT A

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Request #26-1477
Open
As of September 18, 2026, 8:59am
Request Visibility: Restricted

Details

To: Public Records Officer / WESCOM Administrator

Walla Walla Police Department / WESCOM

Re: Public Records Act Request – RCW 42.56 (Cellular Phone Evidence, Digital Forensics, & Inter-Agency Records – Bryan Kohberger & Victims)

Dear Public Records Officer / WESCOM Administrator,

Pursuant to the Washington State Public Records Act (RCW 42.56), I am requesting access to and copies of public records held by the Walla Walla Police Department and WESCOM concerning cellular phone digital forensics, physical evidence custody, search warrants, CAD logs, and investigative notes related to Bryan C. Kohberger (DOB: 11/21/1994) as well as the victims of the November 13, 2022, Moscow, Idaho homicides: Kaylee Goncalves, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle, and Ethan Chapin.

Specifically, I am requesting responsive records within the date range of November 13, 2022, to the present, for the following items:

1. Evidence Chains of Custody & Physical Device Logs: Any evidence logs, property receipts, chain-of-custody tracking forms, or transfer records establishing whether physical cellular devices, SIM cards, or digital storage media belonging to Bryan C. Kohberger, Kaylee Goncalves, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle, or Ethan Chapin are currently held, or were ever held, in physical evidence custody by the Walla Walla Police Department.

2. Digital Forensic Findings & Examiner Notes: Any forensic extraction reports (e.g., Cellebrite, Axiom), examiner notes, cell site/tower analysis logs, data dumps, or digital forensic summaries compiled, processed, or possessed by WWPD personnel regarding digital data extracted from cellular devices, cloud accounts, or service provider records associated with Bryan C. Kohberger or any of the four named victims.

3. Search Warrants & Judicial Returns: Copies of any search warrants, search warrant applications, affidavits, returns of service, inventory lists, or judicial sealing orders executed by or through WWPD involving cellular phone hardware, IMEIs, cloud backups, or service provider accounts (including AT&T, Apple, Google, or cell tower dumps) linked to Bryan C. Kohberger or the victims.

4. WESCOM / 911 Dispatch Records & CAD Logs:

• Agency request is for: Walla Walla Police Department

• Incident #: Unknown / Inter-Agency Assistance for Moscow Police Dept. Case # 2022-M09805 (Bryan Kohberger Homicide Investigation)

• Recording requested: Phone and Radio (Any 911, non-emergency phone calls, or radio channel traffic involving WWPD units or dispatch regarding this investigation)

• CAD Log requested: YES

• Purpose: Administrative

5. Inter-Agency Communications: Any emails, written notes, inter-agency memos, or agency communications between WWPD/WESCOM personnel and external law enforcement agencies (including the Moscow Police Department, Latah County Sheriff's Office, Washington State University Police, Washington State Patrol, Idaho State Police, or FBI) detailing digital evidence, phone extractions, license plate reader (LPR) hits, or custody transfers regarding Bryan C. Kohberger or

the victims' cellular devices.

If any portion of these records is deemed exempt under RCW 42.56.240 (Investigative Records) or subject to an active court protective order/seal, please release all non-exempt or severable portions. For any withheld or redacted material, please provide a written exemption log citing the specific statutory authority and court docket information relied upon.

I request these records in electronic format. If anticipated duplication or processing fees exceed $25.00, please notify me prior to fulfilling the request.

Thank you for your assistance. Under RCW 42.56.520, I look forward to your acknowledgment within five (5) business days.

Sincerely,

Autumn Buttice

[redacted]

Received

July 21, 2026 via web

Due

September 30, 2026

Departments

POLICE DEPARTMENT, WESCOM DISPATCH

Additional Information

No additional information available

Requester

Autumn Buttice

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Requester email status list

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Tags

3rd Party Notice, Dispatch-Closed Request, Email Searches/Text Messages, Lisa Assist, M4 - Clarification Requested, M7.A - Individual, M8.A - Electronic Records Fulfillment

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Invoices

Documents

Public (pending)

(none)

Requester

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26-1477 Responsive Ruchert Emails.pdf

Incident 2022-25025.pdf

2022-25025.pdf

22-25025 CAD Log-redacted.pdf

26-1477 Daschofsky Email - 15 copies.pdf

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Hours

5 hours 20 minutes

Staff Cost

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
July 21, 2026, 10:45pm (auto-assigned)

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M7.A - Individual
July 22, 2026, 7:24am by WWPD NW360

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Department Assignment Public
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July 22, 2026, 7:24am by WWPD NW360

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22-25025 CAD Log-redacted.pdf

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July 23, 2026, 7:27pm by THOMAS DECCIO

Message to requester Requester + Staff

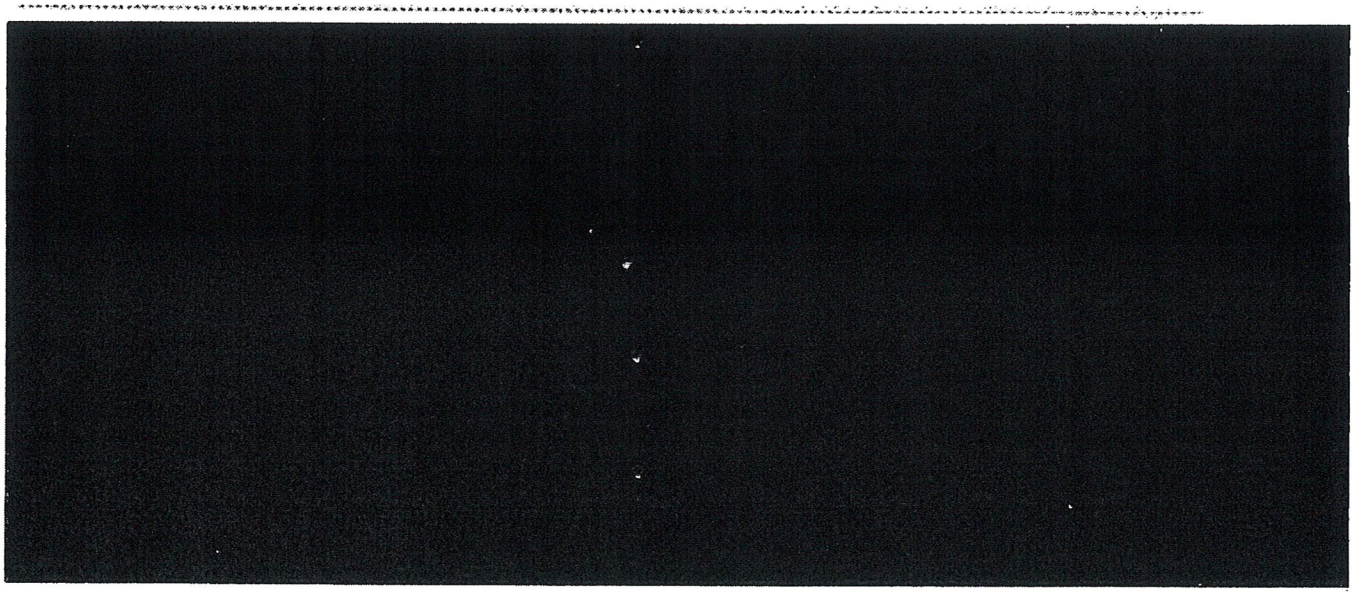
This installment release includes the dispatch records that are responsive to your Public Records Act request.

There is no audio for this request as it is outside the 90 day retention period. Usually in this kind of Call for Servce, the officer just calls us at dispatch and asks us to start a call for an Agency Assist. Most likely there was no more than that on this call.

Please note that the Walla Walla Police Department may still be in the process of reviewing other potentially responsive documents. Assuming other responsive documents exist, the Walla Walla Police Department will provide you with an estimated date of when to expect their installment.

We reserve the right to withhold and/or redact any records or information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and/or other applicable legal privileges including, but not limited to, attorney work product and attorney client privileges.

July 23, 2026, 7:27pm by THOMAS DECCIO, EMERG SERV DISPATCH SUPERVISOR (Staff)



Message to requester Requester + Staff

Please find a copy of our Agency Assist case/incident report 2022-25025 in the Documents tab.

Regarding your request for an email search, unless I hear otherwise from you by**July 29, 2026,** I will interpret your requested search parameters to include the following:

- 2022-25025
- Bryan Kohberger
- Kaylee Goncalves
- Madison Mogen
- Xana Kernodle

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- Ethan Chapin
- Moscow Police Department case report 2022-M09805

Please let me know by **July 29, 2026**, if there are any additional keywords you would like included in the search.

Once I receive your response, I will submit the request for the email search and provide you with an estimated due date for the responsive records or, if the volume of responsive records is substantial, for the first installment of records.

July 26, 2026, 3:39pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

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July 26, 2026, 3:39pm by WWPD EP355

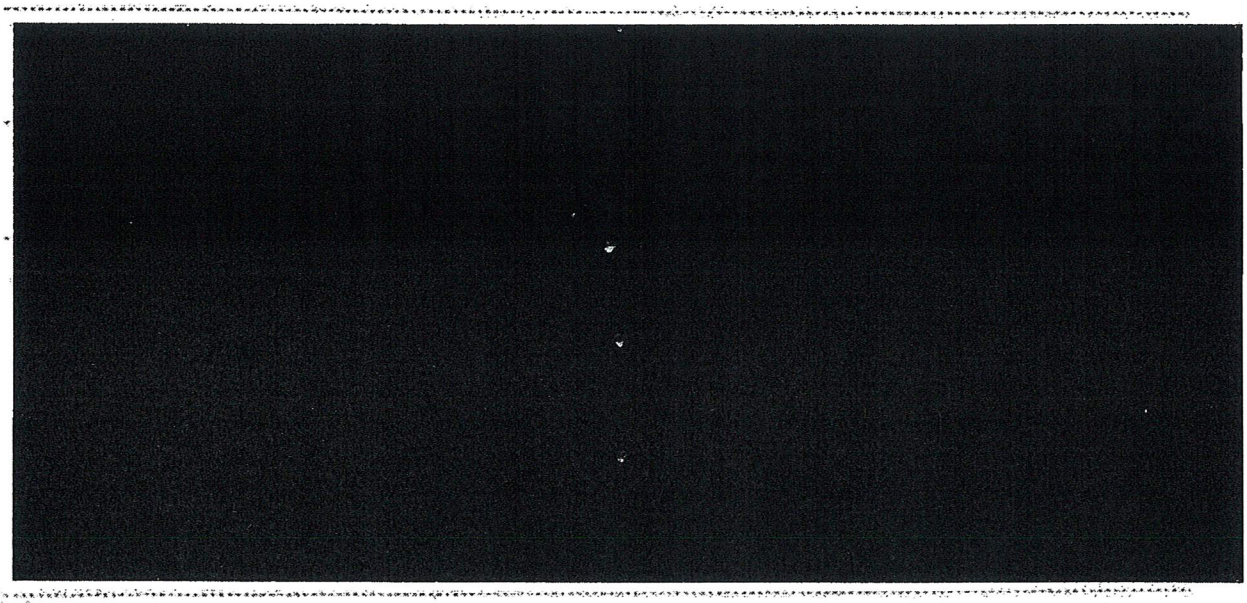
Message to requester Requester + Staff

I forgot to include one additional detail in my previous message regarding the clarification of your email search request.

Unless I hear otherwise from you by **July 29, 2026**, I will use a search time frame of **November 13, 2022, through July 21, 2026** (the date your request was received).

If you would like the search conducted using a different time frame, please let me know by **July 29, 2026.**

July 26, 2026, 3:42pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)



Message from requester Requester + Staff

Thank you for your response. To clarify my request, the relevant timeframe for all requested records are **November 13, 2022, through July 21, 2026.**

Additionally, please include within this request any and all digital extractions, forensic downloads, data reports, or possession/chain-of-custody logs related to the victim's cellular device held by the Walla Walla Police Department.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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July 27, 2026, 6:49am by the requester

Message from requester Requester + Staff

Thank you for providing the record however I do have one other question. Upon review, I noticed the written report states that "one of the victim's phones was designated as a priority" but it does not specify which individual's device out of the four victims phones in who that refers to. Could you please clarify which victim's phone was identified as the priority? Thank you.

Autumn Buttice

July 27, 2026, 8:39am by the requester

Message to requester Requester + Staff

As noted on page 4 of the Agency Assist case report (2022-25025) that was released to you, under the "Evidence" section, Detective Ruchert stated:

"No evidentiary items were logged into the Walla Walla Police Department Evidence/Property system. Items were stored in the secure Digital Forensics Laboratory until they were turned over to the investigating agency."

Based on that information, we have no additional records related to the case/incident report.

Thank you for clarifying the timeframe for your request. I also wanted to confirm that the email search terms I provided in my message to you on 07/26/2026 at 3:39 p.m. are acceptable.

If I do not hear back from you regarding the proposed email search terms by 07/29/2026, I will proceed with submitting the email search request using the search terms listed in that message.

July 27, 2026, 8:42am by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

Message to requester Requester + Staff

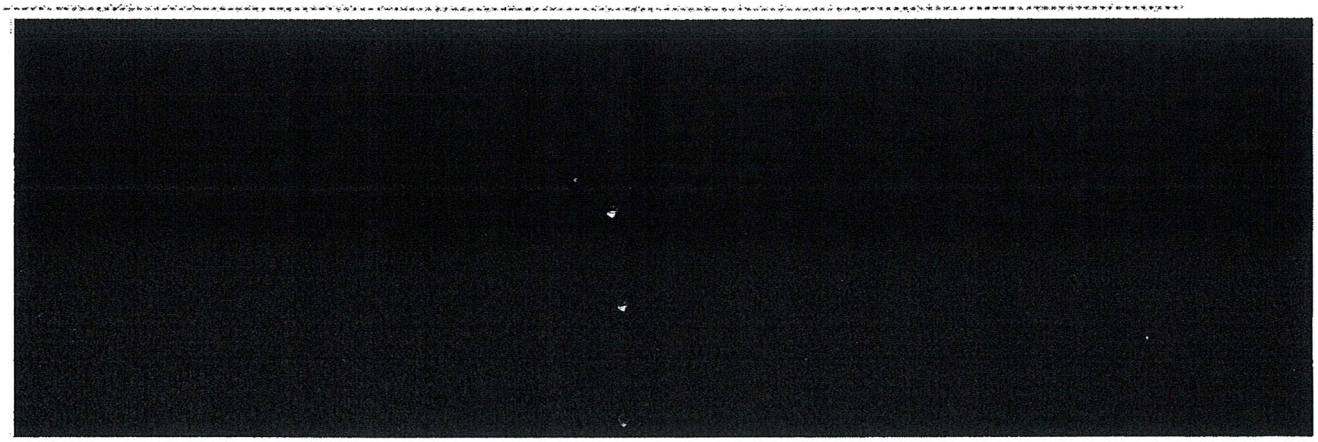
Here is the contact information for Detective Sergeant Mike Loudermilk: mloudermilk@wallawallawa.gov or (509) 524-4736. He may be able to assist you with any questions you have regarding the investigation.

July 27, 2026, 9:04am by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

Message from requester Requester + Staff

There are no additional words. I confirm and would like to put this request through. Thank you.

July 28, 2026, 6:15am by the requester



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Message to requester Requester + Staff

Thank you for your response.

I have submitted the request for the email search. Your estimated due date has been set for **August 31, 2026.** I will provide you with an update if additional time is needed or once the responsive records are available for review.

July 28, 2026, 4:40pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

[redacted]

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Message from requester Requester + Staff

Pursuant to public records inspection, I am requesting clarification/records regarding Case #2022-00025025.

Per the narrative by Reporting Officer Ruchert (ID 275), mobile device extractions and GrayKey files were downloaded directly to the **Walla Walla Police Department Digital Forensics Laboratory (DFL) Network Storage Drive**.

Please confirm whether WWPD retains responsive electronic records, raw extraction files, or forensic images on its DFL network drives, local servers, or digital backup systems associated with this case number, independent of the external drives turned over to requesting agencies.

August 2, 2026, 4:16pm by the requester

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

The City of Walla Walla has received your request for public records.

RE: Raw data files – forensic extraction:

The raw data files from the forensic extraction do not meet the definition of public records as they do not relate to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function of the City of Walla Walla. RCW 42.56.010

In addition, the City of Walla Walla believes these records would fall under the invasion of privacy as they would be highly offensive to a reasonable person and are not of legitimate concern to the public. RCW 42.56.050 and RCW 42.56.240(1)

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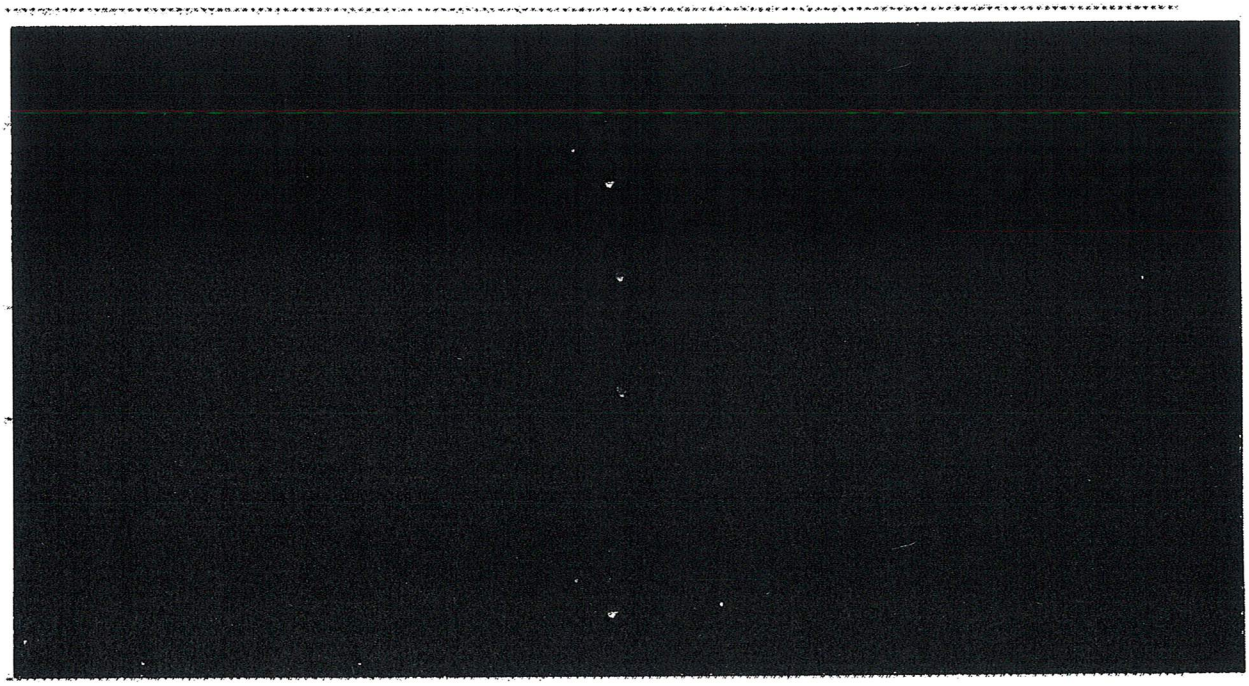
RE: City of Walla Walla public records:

The City of Walla Walla believes a third-party notification is appropriate for the records requested, as privacy exemptions may apply. We are currently working on gathering the necessary information to provide such notification. We expect to be able to send out those notifications by August 31, 2026, and should be able to provide you with a determination on a records release to you on or before September 30, 2026.

We reserve the right to withhold and/or redact any records or information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and/or other applicable legal privileges including, but not limited to, attorney work product and attorney client privileges.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Walla Walla City Clerk at 509-527-4424.

August 24, 2026, 1:54pm by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)



Message from requester Requester + Staff

Hello,

I am writing to request a status update on Public Records Request #26-1477 regarding the email communications between Detectives Ruchert and Mowery.

Could you please provide an estimated timeline for when these records will be processed and released?

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best regards,

Autumn Buttice

August 31, 2026, 8:10am by the requester

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[redacted]

Document(s) Released to Requester Requester + Staff
26-1477 Daschofsky Email - 15 copies.pdf
26-1477 Responsive Ruchert Emails.pdf
26-1477 Responsive Ruchert-Mowery Email-no attachment-redacted.pdf
August 31, 2026, 9:48am by LISA NEISSL

Message to requester Requester + Staff

This installment release includes all remaining records responsive to your Public Records Act request that are not being held for the third-party notification. Third party notification is being given to the City of Moscow Idaho, Prosecuting Attorney office of Latah County Idaho, and the families of the deceased and their representatives. That notification has been made, and the various parties have been given until September 30, 2026, at which time you will receive an update regarding the status of the remaining records.

Please note that we will not address the status of the remaining records again until the expiration of the third-party notification deadline.

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August 31, 2026, 9:48am by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

[redacted]

EXHIBIT B

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Request #26-1558
Open
As of September 18, 2026, 9:02am
Request Visibility: Restricted

Details

Subject: Public Records Request – WWPD Field Case Report #2022-00025025

To the Walla Walla Police Department Records Section:

Pursuant to the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW, I respectfully request an electronic copy of the complete Walla Walla Police Department **Field Case Report associated with case number 2022-00025025.**

Please include:

1. The complete original Field Case Report, including **all pages of the initial report and narrative continuation**
2. All supplemental reports, continuation pages, amendments, addenda, attachments, and supporting documentation filed under this case number.
3. Any digital-forensics reports or narrative reports associated with the examination, extraction, transfer, verification, or handling of electronic devices referenced in the Field Case Report.
4. Any property, evidence, or chain-of-custody records associated with the devices or digital evidence referenced in the report.
5. Any available report metadata identifying the report author, preparation date, approval date, report type, and page count.

Please provide the records electronically in their original or highest-quality available format, preferably as searchable PDF files. I am specifically requesting a clear and legible copy rather than a reduced-resolution screenshot or thumbnail.

If any portion of the requested records is withheld or redacted, please:

- Produce all reasonably segregable, nonexempt portions.
- Identify the specific statutory exemption relied upon for each withholding or redaction.
- Provide a brief explanation describing how the cited exemption applies.
- Provide an exemption or redaction log identifying the record or portion withheld.

If the exact case number does not produce a result, please search the Police Department's records-management system, supplemental-report system, property and evidence records, and Digital Forensics Laboratory records for alternate or related entries associated with **case #2022-00025025.**

This request is for public-information and research purposes and is not being made to obtain a list of individuals for commercial use.

Please provide the records through the electronic request portal. If fees are expected to exceed **$25**, please provide an itemized estimate before processing those charges. If the records are voluminous, I agree to receive them through rolling or installment production.

Please confirm receipt of this request and provide the assigned public-records request number.

Thank you for your assistance.

relationship to the case- Public interest News/Media

Walla_Walla_Case_2022-00025025_Complete_Reconstructed (1).pdf

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Received

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

August 2, 2026 via web

Due

September 30, 2026

Departments

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Additional Information

No additional information available

Requester

Howard Zweben

[redacted]

Requester email status list

Request opened

- **Sent** *August 2, 2026, 7:57pm*
- **Delivered** *August 2, 2026, 7:57pm*
- **Opened** *August 2, 2026, 8:29pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *August 6, 2026, 12:07pm*
- **Delivered** *August 6, 2026, 12:07pm*
- **Opened** *August 6, 2026, 12:11pm*

Due date changed

- **Sent** *August 6, 2026, 12:07pm*
- **Delivered** *August 6, 2026, 12:07pm*
- **Opened** *August 6, 2026, 12:11pm*

Document released

- **Sent** *August 20, 2026, 3:08pm*
- **Delivered** *August 20, 2026, 3:08pm*
- **Opened** *August 20, 2026, 3:12pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:54pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:54pm*

Due date changed

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:54pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:54pm*

Tags

3rd Party Notice, BWC/Digital Media, Lisa Assist, M7.A - Individual

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Invoices

Documents

Public (pending)

(none)

Requester

2022-25025.pdf

Walla_Walla_Case_2022-00025025_Complete_Reconstructed (1).pdf

Incident 2022-25025.pdf

[redacted]

[redacted]

Hours

3 hours 55 minutes

Staff Cost

$294.81

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Tasks

Timeline

Request Opened Public
Request received via web
August 2, 2026, 7:57pm by Howard Zweben

[redacted]

Department Assignment Public
Added: POLICE DEPARTMENT
August 2, 2026, 10:00pm by LISA NEISSL

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

The City of Walla Walla has received your request for public records. We are in the process of gathering, identifying, and reviewing records responsive to your request. We estimate we will be able to provide you with the records or a first installment on or before 08/31/2026.

We reserve the right to withhold and/or redact any records or information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and/or other applicable legal privileges including, but not limited to, attorney work product and attorney client privileges.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Walla Walla Police Department at 509-527-4434 option #1.

August 6, 2026, 12:07pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Message from requester Requester + Staff

I added an attachment, the official document i am requesting is the one that I sent to you. This is just a reconstructed copy. I want the official copy or version from you. Thanks.

August 9, 2026, 9:09am by the requester

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

This 1st installment release includes a portion of records that are responsive to your Public Records Act request.

Please note that we are still in the process of reviewing other potentially responsive documents. Assuming other responsive documents exist, we estimate the next installment will be available on or before 08/31/2026. We will notify you when the next installment is available.

We reserve the right to withhold and/or redact any records or information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and/or other applicable legal privileges including, but not limited to, attorney work product and attorney client privileges.

August 20, 2026, 3:08pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

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Document(s) Released to Requester Requester + Staff
Incident 2022-25025.pdf
2022-25025.pdf
August 20, 2026, 3:08pm by WWPD EP355

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

The City of Walla Walla has received your request for public records.

RE: Raw data files – forensic extraction:

The raw data files from the forensic extraction do not meet the definition of public records as they do not relate to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function of the City of Walla Walla. RCW 42.56.010

In addition, the City of Walla Walla believes these records would fall under the invasion of privacy as they would be highly offensive to a reasonable person and are not of legitimate concern to the public. RCW 42.56.050 and RCW 42.56.240(1)

RE: City of Walla Walla public records:

The City of Walla Walla believes a third-party notification is appropriate for the records requested, as privacy exemptions may apply. We are currently working on gathering the necessary information to provide such notification. We expect to be able to send out those notifications by August 31, 2026, and should be able to provide you with a determination on a records release to you on or before September 30, 2026.

We reserve the right to withhold and/or redact any records or information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and/or other applicable legal privileges including, but not limited to, attorney work product and attorney client privileges.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Walla Walla City Clerk at 509-527-4424.

August 24, 2026, 1:54pm by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

[redacted]

[redacted]

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

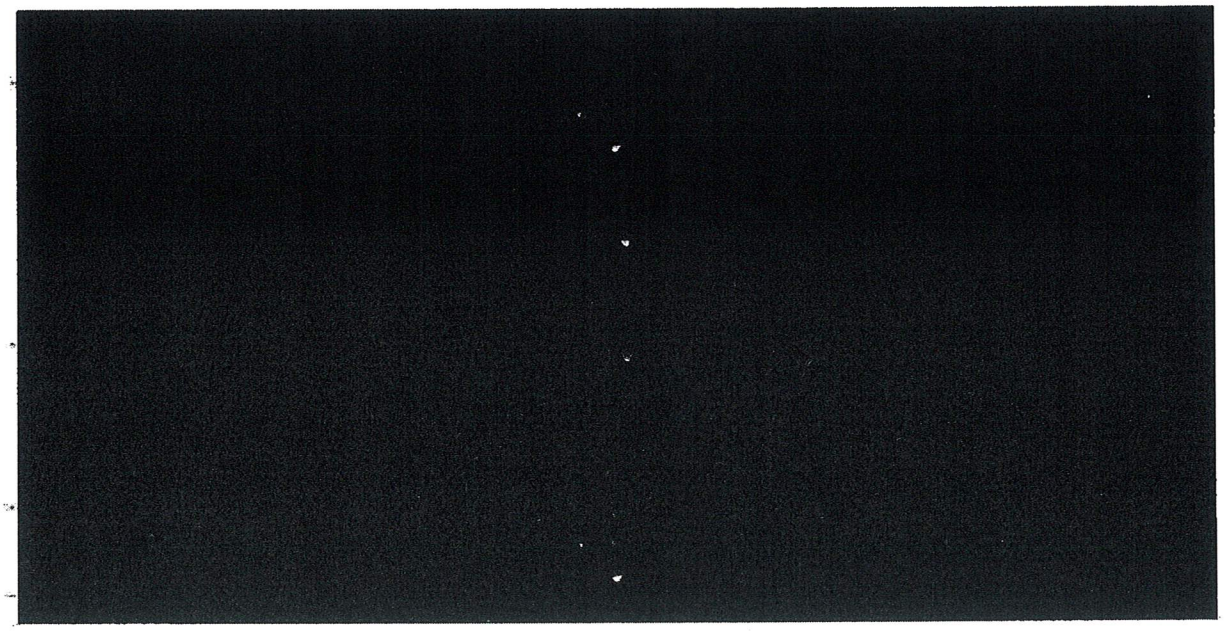


EXHIBIT C

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Request #26-1644
Open
As of September 18, 2026, 9:03am
Request Visibility: Restricted

Details

This is a request under the Washington Public Records Act (RCW 42.56).

I am requesting **all digital records, reports, files, and materials held by the Walla Walla Police Department** relating to the **cell phone forensic extractions** performed for the Moscow Police Department during the investigation of homicide case **22-M09903** (University of Idaho / "Idaho 4" case).

Please provide **electronic copies** of all responsive records.

Records Requested

Please produce **all records, in full,** related to the forensic examination, extraction, analysis, or attempted extraction of the following four cellular devices, which were submitted to Walla Walla PD by Det. Brett Mowery (Moscow Police Department) and documented in a report authored by **Officer/Detective Chris Ruchert** of Walla Walla PD:

1. **Item #1 – Madison Mogen's phone**
2. **Item #2 – Kaylee Goncalves' phone**
3. **Item #3 – Xana Kernodle's phone**
4. **Item #4 – Ethan Chapin's phone**

(If Walla Walla PD uses different internal item numbers, please apply this request to the four devices referenced in the report authored by Chris Ruchert regarding forensic assistance provided to Moscow PD.)

Types of Records Requested

This request includes, but is not limited to:

- The **full digital extraction files** for each device
- Any **partial extractions, failed extraction logs,** or **system-generated reports**
- All **Cellebrite, GrayKey,** or other forensic tool output
- All **metadata, hash values,** and **device information reports**
- All **photographs, screenshots,** or **documentation** created during the extraction process
- All **emails, interagency communications,** or **submission paperwork** between Walla Walla PD and Moscow PD regarding these devices
- The **complete report** authored by **Chris Ruchert** documenting Walla Walla PD's involvement
- Any **supplements, addenda,** or **follow-up documentation**
- Any **chain-of-custody records** related to the four devices while in Walla Walla PD's possession

Format

I request **electronic copies** of all responsive records. If fees apply, please notify me in advance.

Clarification

These records are specifically limited to the **four cell phones** submitted by Moscow PD for forensic extraction during the Idaho homicide investigation, and the work performed by Walla Walla PD personnel, including but not limited to **Chris Ruchert.**

Please contact me if clarification is needed.

Received

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

August 11, 2026 via web

Due

September 30, 2026

Departments

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Additional Information

No additional information available

Requester

sewell

[redacted]

Requester email status list

Request opened

- **Sent** *August 11, 2026, 3:44pm*
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- **Opened** *August 11, 2026, 3:45pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *August 14, 2026, 3:12pm*
- **Delivered** *August 14, 2026, 3:12pm*
- **Opened** *August 15, 2026, 1:53pm*

Due date changed

- **Sent** *August 14, 2026, 3:12pm*
- **Delivered** *August 14, 2026, 3:12pm*
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Document released

- **Sent** *August 20, 2026, 3:17pm*
- **Delivered** *August 20, 2026, 3:17pm*
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External message added

- **Sent** *August 20, 2026, 4:26pm*
- **Delivered** *August 20, 2026, 4:26pm*
- **Opened** *August 20, 2026, 4:44pm*

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External message added

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:53pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:53pm*
- **Opened** *August 24, 2026, 5:01pm*

Due date changed

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:53pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:53pm*
- **Opened** *August 24, 2026, 5:01pm*

Document released

- **Sent** *August 31, 2026, 9:50am*
- **Delivered** *August 31, 2026, 9:50am*
- **Opened** *August 31, 2026, 10:14am*

Tags

3rd Party Notice., Email Searches/Text Messages, Lisa Assist, M7.A - Individual, M8.A - Electronic Records Fulfillment

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Invoices

Documents

Public (pending)

(none)

Requester

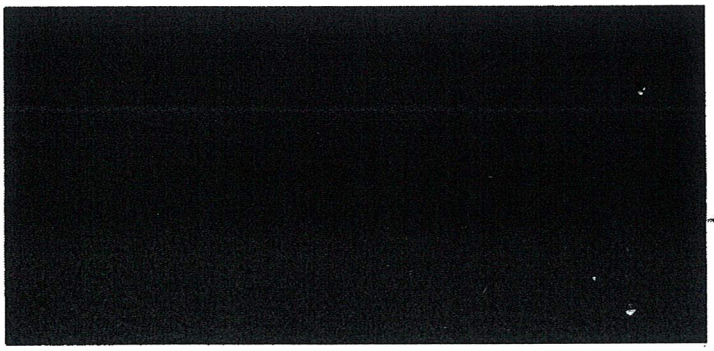
26-1644 Daschofsky Email - 15 copies.pdf

26-1644 Responsive Ruchert Emails.pdf

26-1644 Responsive Ruchert-Mowery Email-no attachment-redacted.pdf

Incident 2022-25025.pdf

2022-25025.pdf



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[redacted]

Hours

4 hours 55 minutes

Staff Cost

$356.99

Tasks

Timeline

[redacted]

Request Opened Public
Request received via web
August 11, 2026, 3:44pm by sewell

[redacted]

Department Assignment Public
POLICE DEPARTMENT
August 11, 2026, 3:44pm (auto-assigned)

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

The City of Walla Walla has received your request for public records. We are in the process of gathering, identifying, and reviewing records responsive to your request. We estimate we will be able to provide you with the records or a first

installment on or before 09/04/2026.

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August 14, 2026, 3:12pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

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August 20, 2026, 3:17pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

Document(s) Released to Requester Requester + Staff
2022-25025.pdf
Incident 2022-25025.pdf
August 20, 2026, 3:17pm by WWPD EP355

[redacted]

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

August 20, 2026, 3:17pm by WWPD EP355

[redacted]

Message from requester Requester + Staff

whats the time frame on the files

August 20, 2026, 4:17pm by the requester

Message to requester Requester + Staff

Per our August 20th message:

Please note that we are still in the process of reviewing other potentially responsive documents. Assuming other responsive documents exist, we estimate the next installment will be available on or before **09/04/2026.** We will notify you when the next installment is available.

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August 20, 2026, 4:26pm by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

Message from requester Requester + Staff

forever gratefull

August 20, 2026, 4:47pm by the requester

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

The City of Walla Walla has received your request for public records.

RE: Raw data files – forensic extraction:

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In addition, the City of Walla Walla believes these records would fall under the invasion of privacy as they would be highly

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August 24, 2026, 1:53pm by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

[redacted]

Message from requester Requester + Staff

Thank you for your recent updates regarding Request 26-1644. I am writing to address several points in your message and to request **earlier release of all non-exempt portions** of the records you have already identified.

First, you state that the raw forensic extraction files "do not meet the definition of public records" because they "do not relate to the conduct of government" . Under RCW 42.56.010, any record **prepared, owned, used, or retained** by an agency is a public record. If WWPD received, stored, reviewed, analyzed, transferred, or relied upon these forensic files in any capacity, they meet the statutory definition. Please clarify specifically how WWPD handled these files and whether they were used in any governmental function.

Second, regarding your claim that disclosure would be "highly offensive to a reasonable person" and "not of legitimate concern to the public" . To invoke RCW 42.56.050 and RCW 42.56.240(1), the agency must demonstrate **both prongs** of the privacy test and must identify **which specific portions** of the records meet that standard. Please provide a detailed exemption log identifying each portion withheld, the statutory exemption applied, and an explanation of how each exemption specifically applies.

Third, you state that "third-party notification is appropriate" and that you expect to send notices by August 31, 2026, with a determination by September 30, 2026 . Please identify (1) which third parties you believe are implicated, (2) which specific records require notification, and (3) whether any portions of the records can be released immediately that do not involve third-party privacy concerns.

Fourth, you repeatedly state that you "reserve the right to withhold and/or redact" records under PRA exemptions and legal privileges . I acknowledge this, but RCW 42.56.210 requires that **non-exempt portions must be released.** Full withholding is only permitted when the **entire** record is exempt, which is not the case for the categories of information requested. Please confirm that you will produce redacted versions of any records containing both exempt and non-exempt information.

Finally, your message confirms that additional responsive documents exist and are still being reviewed . Because you have already identified responsive records, PRA requires prompt release of all non-exempt portions. There is no requirement to delay production until September when records are already in your possession. I am requesting that you begin rolling production immediately, releasing all non-exempt portions of the records you have already located.

Please confirm the above clarifications and provide the required exemption log. I appreciate your continued communication and look forward to earlier release of the responsive materials.

Respectfully, Sewell Crowl

August 24, 2026, 5:36pm by the requester

[redacted]

[redacted]

Document(s) Released to Requester Requester + Staff

26-1644 Daschofsky Email - 15 copies.pdf
26-1644 Responsive Ruchert Emails.pdf
26-1644 Responsive Ruchert-Mowery Email-no attachment-redacted.pdf
August 31, 2026, 9:50am by LISA NEISSL

Message to requester Requester + Staff

This installment release includes all remaining records responsive to your Public Records Act request that are not being held for the third-party notification. Third party notification is being given to the City of Moscow Idaho, Prosecuting Attorney office of Latah County Idaho, and the families of the deceased and their representatives. That notification has been made, and the various parties have been given until September 30, 2026, at which time you will receive an update regarding the status of the remaining records.

Please note that we will not address the status of the remaining records again until the expiration of the third-party notification deadline.

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As always, we reserve the right to withhold and/or redact any records or information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and/or other applicable legal privileges including, but not limited to, attorney work product and attorney client privileges.

August 31, 2026, 9:50am by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

[redacted]

Message from requester Requester + Staff

what is the reason for 15 copies of the same email in the Daschofsky file

August 31, 2026, 10:42am by the requester

EXHIBIT D

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Request #26-1683
Open
As of September 18, 2026, 9:04am
Request Visibility: Restricted

Details

[Date]

To:

Public Records Officer

Walla Walla Police Department

54 E. Moore St.

Walla Walla, WA 99362

Email: prr@wallawallawa.gov

From:

Autumn Buttice

[redacted]

RE: Public Records Request under the Washington Public Records Act (RCW 42.56)

Dear Public Records Officer,

Pursuant to the Washington Public Records Act (RCW 42.56), I am submitting a formal request for electronic copies of all digital records, reports, files, communications, and materials held by the Walla Walla Police Department concerning cell phone forensic extractions performed on behalf of the Moscow Police Department regarding homicide case 22-M09903 (commonly referred to as the University of Idaho / "Idaho 4" homicide investigation).

1. Scope of Requested Records

This request applies to all records documenting the forensic examination, extraction, analysis, or attempted extraction of the following four cellular devices submitted to the Walla Walla Police Department by Det. Brett Mowery (Moscow Police Department) and documented in the report authored by Officer/Detective Chris Ruchert (Walla Walla PD):

- Item #1: Madison Mogen's cellular device

- Item #2: Kaylee Goncalves' cellular device

- Item #3: Xana Kernodle's cellular device

- Item #4: Ethan Chapin's cellular device

(Note: If the Walla Walla Police Department utilized different internal tracking or item numbers, please apply this request to the four devices referenced in Det. Chris Ruchert's report regarding interagency forensic assistance to Moscow PD.)

2. Types of Records Requested

The scope of this request covers all responsive records, including but not limited to:

- Forensic Tool Output & Digital Files: Complete digital extraction files, partial extraction outputs, failed extraction logs,

system-generated reports, and raw data outputs generated by Cellebrite, GrayKey, Oxygen Forensics, or any other digital forensic software/hardware tool utilized.

- Technical Documentation: All metadata, cryptographic hash values, and device information reports.

- Visual & Process Documentation: All photographs, screenshots, or physical process documentation generated during the handling and examination of the devices.

- Reports & Case Notes: The complete narrative report authored by Officer/Detective Chris Ruchert documenting Walla Walla PD's involvement, along with any related supplements, addenda, follow-up reports, or investigator notes.

- Interagency Communications & Submission Paperwork: All emails, physical or electronic submission forms, search warrant copies, task force agreements, or written correspondence between Walla Walla PD personnel and Moscow Police Department personnel (including Det. Lawrence Mowery) regarding these specific devices.

- Chain of Custody: Any physical or digital chain-of-custody logs, evidence transfers, or property intake/release forms documenting the handling and storage of these devices while in Walla Walla PD custody.

3. Format & Delivery

Please provide all responsive materials in native electronic formats (e.g., PDF, raw extraction exports, digital logs) via secure digital transfer or email. If file sizes exceed email delivery limits, please provide a secure download link or notify me of alternative electronic delivery options.

4. Fee Threshold & Notification

Under RCW 42.56.120, I request a waiver or reduction of fees if applicable. If standard copying, duplication, or media transfer fees apply and are expected to exceed $25.00, please notify me prior to fulfilling the request to discuss the estimated costs.

5. Statutory Requirements

Pursuant to RCW 42.56.520, I look forward to receiving a response within five (5) business days acknowledging receipt of this request, along with an estimate of the time required to produce the records. If any portion of the requested records is deemed exempt or withheld under Washington law, please provide a log detailing the specific statutory exemption applied to each redacted or withheld record.

Thank you for your time and assistance in fulfilling this request.

Sincerely,

Autumn Buttice

[redacted]

Received

August 15, 2026 via web

Due

September 30, 2026

Departments

POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Additional Information

No additional information available

Requester

Autumn Buttice

[redacted]

Requester email status list

Request opened

- **Sent** *August 15, 2026, 3:01pm*
- **Delivered** *August 15, 2026, 3:01pm*
- **Opened** *August 15, 2026, 3:11pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *August 18, 2026, 8:29am*
- **Delivered** *August 18, 2026, 8:30am*
- **Opened** *August 19, 2026, 12:53pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:50pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:50pm*
- **Opened** *August 24, 2026, 10:14pm*

Due date changed

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:50pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:50pm*
- **Opened** *August 24, 2026, 10:14pm*

Document released

- **Sent** *August 31, 2026, 9:51am*
- **Delivered** *August 31, 2026, 9:51am*
- **Opened** *August 31, 2026, 10:40am*

Tags

3rd Party Notice, Email Searches/Text Messages, Lisa Assist, MZA - Individual

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Invoices

Documents

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Public (pending)

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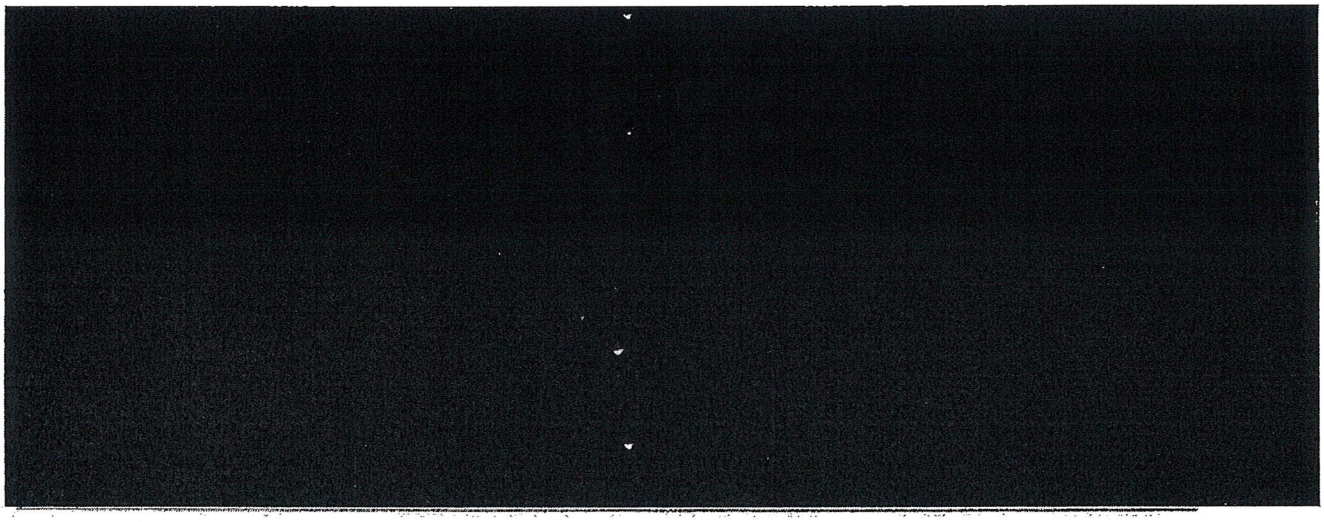
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26-1477 Responsive Ruchert-Mowery Email-no attachment-redacted.pdf

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Hours

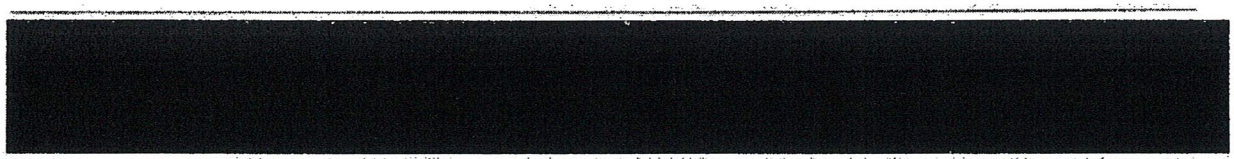
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Staff Cost

$332.44

Tasks

Timeline



Request Opened Public
Request received via web

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Department Assignment Public
POLICE DEPARTMENT
August 15, 2026, 3:01pm (auto-assigned)

[redacted]

Message from requester Requester + Staff

Hello I am reaching back out to check on this request as I have still not received response to the one I put in prior as well. And would like to clarify the status of these?

August 18, 2026, 8:20am by the requester

Message to requester Requester + Staff

When you submit a request through the portal, it automatically assigns five business days for us to either provide the requested information/records or provide you with an estimated due date for when you can expect the records or the first installment.

Your current due date for the five-day review is **08/24/2026.** Due to our current large queue and the volume of new incoming requests, we often provide an acknowledgment and response on the assigned due date after a new request is received.

You can expect a response from me on or by **08/24/2026.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

August 18, 2026, 8:29am by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

The City of Walla Walla has received your request for public records.

RE: Raw data files – forensic extraction:

The raw data files from the forensic extraction do not meet the definition of public records as they do not relate to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function of the City of Walla Walla. RCW 42.56.010

In addition, the City of Walla Walla believes these records would fall under the invasion of privacy as they would be highly offensive to a reasonable person and are not of legitimate concern to the public. RCW 42.56.050 and RCW 42.56.240(1)

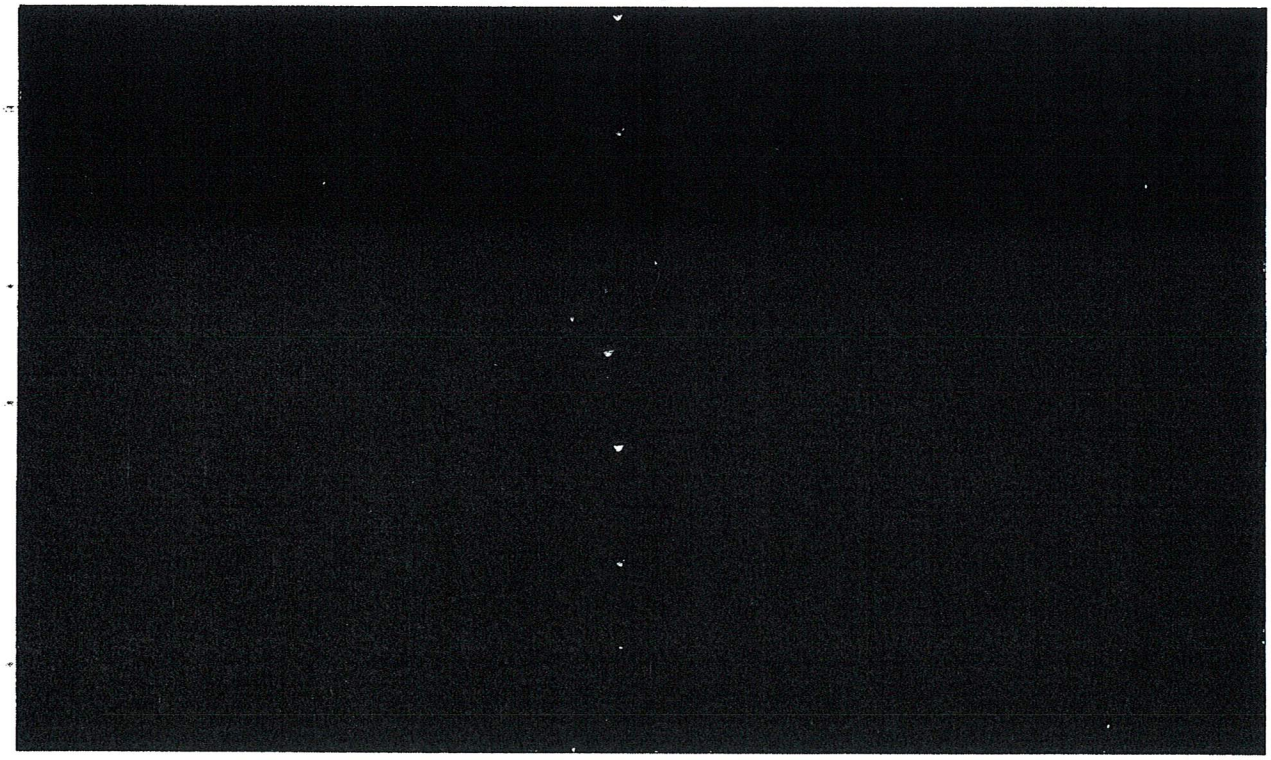
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We reserve the right to withhold and/or redact any records or information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and/or other applicable legal privileges including, but not limited to, attorney work product and attorney client privileges.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Walla Walla City Clerk at 509-527-4424.

August 24, 2026, 1:50pm by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)



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[redacted]

Document(s) Released to Requester Requester + Staff
26-1477 Daschofsky Email - 15 copies.pdf
26-1477 Responsive Ruchert Emails.pdf
26-1477 Responsive Ruchert-Mowery Email-no attachment-redacted.pdf
August 31, 2026, 9:51am by LISA NEISSL

Message to requester Requester + Staff

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August 31, 2026, 9:51am by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

[redacted]

EXHIBIT E

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Request #26-1741
Open
As of September 18, 2026, 9:04am
Request Visibility: Restricted

Details

Subject: Supplemental and clarification request - PRR #26-1558 / WWPD case 2022-00025025

Public Records Officer:

Thank you for the City of Walla Walla's 20 August 2026 production for public-records request #26-1558. I request the following additional records relating to WWPD case 2022-00025025 and the mobile-device forensic assistance provided to Moscow Police from 23 through 30 November 2022:

1. The complete, source-native RMS case file and audit/version history for case 2022-00025025, including creation, edit, merge, review, approval, disposition, print, and access timestamps; user IDs; and any superseded narrative versions.

2. The source-native Incident Detail, call-for-service, or CAD record associated with the case, including the record showing incident time 08:46:38, source Phone, priority 4 Low, and nature DFL ASSIST MOSCOW PD, together with its audit history.

3. All emails, text messages, instant messages, call logs, voicemail records, and written notes between Det. Chris Ruchert and Det. Lawrence Mowery from 23 through 30 November 2022 concerning the four phones, the priority phone, extraction status, pickup, USB media, the external hard drive, parsing, or transfer of data.

4. All corresponding communications between Det. Chris Ruchert and Det. Justin Deane, and any communications among other WWPD personnel concerning the same work or handoffs.

5. All intake, inventory, chain-of-custody, receipt, release, sign-out, lab-access, visitor, and transfer records for Items 22M-1812, 22M-1807/22M01807, 22M-1862, and 22M-1861, including photographs or scans of the manila envelopes and any device serial number, IMEI, phone number, or victim-to-item mapping.

6. All records documenting Mowery's return to WWPD on 25 November 2022 and his receipt of the priority device and USB drive, including the exact time and the identity of each item transferred.

7. All records showing whether the priority device was later returned to WWPD, transferred to Det. Deane, retained by Det. Mowery, or otherwise reunited with the other three devices before or on 29 November 2022.

8. All records documenting the 29 November transfer to Det. Deane, including the number and identity of devices transferred and identifying information for Mowery's external hard drive.

9. GrayKey job histories, connection and extraction logs, export logs, and generated reports for each item; Cellebrite Physical Analyzer logs and ufd metadata; and records showing the start and completion time of each extraction, download, decode, parse, package, or export.

10. File and directory manifests for each transfer; USB and external-drive make, model, serial number, capacity, or other identifier; Hasher.exe output; and the actual MD5 and SHA-256 values used to verify each extracted data file or transfer set.

11. DFL network-storage access logs, directory listings, file creation/modification timestamps, copy logs, retention records, and deletion/disposition records for the extracted data and GrayKey-generated files.

12. The search-warrant copy provided by Mowery, any associated legal-process log, and any record identifying material withheld from that warrant under a claimed exemption.

13. Policies, procedures, manuals, or directives in effect in November 2022 governing outside-agency forensic assists, temporary custody of digital devices, DFL secure storage, evidence/property intake, removable-media use, hash verification, and handoff documentation.

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14. A complete index of records located and produced for request #26-1558, plus an itemized withholding/redaction log identifying each withheld record or category, the basis asserted, and whether responsive records were determined not to exist. Please provide electronic records in their native format where reasonably available, with original metadata preserved.

If any requested record no longer exists, please identify the record and applicable retention/disposition information. If records are produced in installments, please provide the readily available Tier 1 records first. If clarification can narrow a specific item without excluding responsive records, please contact me before closing or denying that portion.

Sincerely,

Howard Zweben

[redacted]

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Received

August 23, 2026 via web

Due

September 30, 2026

Departments

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Additional Information

No additional information available

Requester

Howard Zweben

[redacted]

Requester email status list

External message added

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:51pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:51pm*

Due date changed

- **Sent** *August 24, 2026, 1:52pm*
- **Delivered** *August 24, 2026, 1:52pm*

Document released

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- **Sent** *August 31, 2026, 9:52am*
- **Delivered** *August 31, 2026, 9:52am*
- **Opened** *August 31, 2026, 9:53am*

Tags

3rd Party Notice, Email Searches/Text Messages, Lisa Asslst, M7.A - Individual

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Invoices

Documents

Public (pending)

(none)

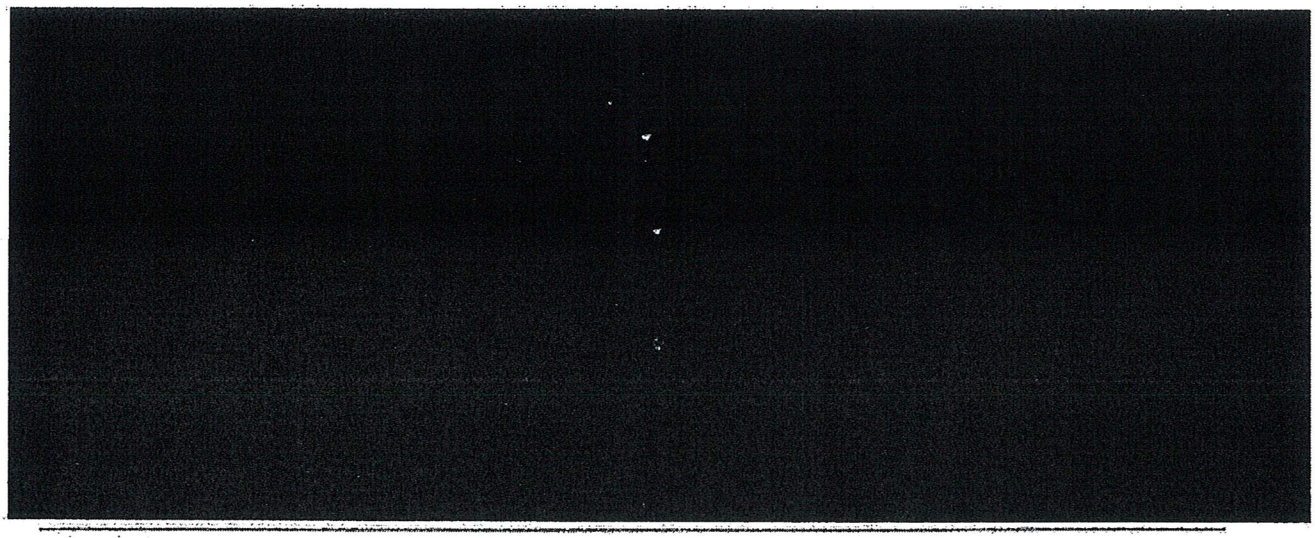
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26-1741 Responsive Ruchert Emails.pdf

26-1741 Daschofsky Email - 15 copies.pdf



Hours

4 hours 25 minutes

Staff Cost

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

$332.44

Tasks

Timeline

Request Opened Public
Request received via web
August 23, 2026, 12:19pm by Howard Zweben

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[redacted]

Department Assignment Public
Added: POLICE DEPARTMENT.
August 24, 2026, 7:38am by LISA NEISSL

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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August 24, 2026, 1:51pm by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

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August 31, 2026, 9:52am by LISA NEISSL

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August 31, 2026, 9:52am by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

[redacted]

EXHIBIT F

City of Walla Walla, WA Public Record Requests

Request #26-1488
Open
As of September 18, 2026, 9:01am
Request Visibility: Restricted

Details

I request any/all records that mention any of the following individuals: Madison Mogen, Kaylee Goncalves, Xana Kernodle, Ethan Chapin, Dylan Mortensen, Bethany Funke, Bryan Kohberger.

Received

July 23, 2026 via web

Due

September 30, 2026

Departments

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Additional Information

No additional information available

Requester

Connor Hearn

[redacted]

Requester email status list

Request opened

- **Sent** *July 23, 2026, 5:50am*
- **Delivered** *July 23, 2026, 5:50am*
- **Opened** *July 23, 2026, 5:50am*

External message added

- **Sent** *July 26, 2026, 4:19pm*
- **Delivered** *July 26, 2026, 4:19pm*
- **Opened** *July 26, 2026, 4:19pm*

Request closed

- **Sent** *July 26, 2026, 4:20pm*

- **Delivered** *July 26, 2026, 4:20pm*
- **Opened** *July 26, 2026, 4:20pm*

Document released

- **Sent** *August 20, 2026, 4:44pm*
- **Delivered** *August 20, 2026, 4:44pm*
- **Opened** *August 20, 2026, 4:45pm*

Request reopened

- **Sent** *September 9, 2026, 4:36pm*
- **Delivered** *September 9, 2026, 4:36pm*
- **Opened** *September 9, 2026, 4:36pm*

Due date changed

- **Sent** *September 9, 2026, 4:36pm*
- **Delivered** *September 9, 2026, 4:36pm*
- **Opened** *September 9, 2026, 4:36pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *September 9, 2026, 4:37pm*
- **Delivered** *September 9, 2026, 4:37pm*
- **Opened** *September 9, 2026, 4:37pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *September 17, 2026, 4:41pm*
- **Delivered** *September 17, 2026, 4:41pm*
- **Opened** *September 17, 2026, 4:41pm*

Due date changed

- **Sent** *September 17, 2026, 4:42pm*
- **Delivered** *September 17, 2026, 4:42pm*
- **Opened** *September 17, 2026, 4:42pm*

Tags

Lisa Assist, M7.A - Individual, M8.A - Electronic Records Fulfillment, No Responsive Records

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Invoices

Documents

Public (pending)

(none)

Requester

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Incident 2022-25025.pdf

2022-25025.pdf

[redacted]

Hours

0 hours 25 minutes

Staff Cost

$22.64

Tasks

Timeline

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Request Opened Public
Request received via web
July 23, 2026, 5:50am by Connor Hearn

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Department Assignment Public
POLICE DEPARTMENT
July 23, 2026, 5:50am (auto-assigned)

[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

After conducting a search using the names you provided, I was unable to locate any responsive records.

July 26, 2026, 4:19pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

[redacted]

Request Closed Public

We were unable to locate responsive records based on the information from your request.

Request: "I request any/all records that mention any of the following individuals: Madison Mogen, Kaylee Goncalves, Xana Kernodle, Ethan Chapin, Dylan Mortensen, Bethany Funke, Bryan Kohberger.

If I have misinterpreted any part of your request(s) please let me know as soon as possible, as it is the intent of the City of Walla Walla to fully comply with RCW 42.56 in a timely manner. If you feel that I have missed any documents or misinterpreted any of your request(s), please let me know so that I can respond in the appropriate manner.

The one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review has started to run and the City of Walla Walla does not intend to further address this request. If you have any questions, please reach out to the ***Walla Walla Police Department Records Section at (509)527-4434, option 1*** within 14 business days.

July 26, 2026, 4:20pm by WWPD EP355

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Message to requester Requester + Staff

We recently discovered that we have two records on file that are responsive to your request. You can find both records in the Documents tab.

Your request will remain closed. The one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review continues to run, and the City of Walla Walla does not intend to further address this request.

If you have any questions, please contact the Walla Walla Police Department Records Section at (509) 527-4434, option 1.

August 20, 2026, 4:44pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

Document(s) Released to Requester Requester + Staff
2022-25025.pdf
Incident 2022-25025.pdf
August 20, 2026, 4:44pm by WWPD EP355

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY.

THIS 30 DAY OF Sept. 2026

COUNTY CLERK Debby Kunnel DEPUTY

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Message from requester — Requester + Staff

Can I get the email attachments regarding this incident?

September 8, 2026, 10:37am by the requester

Request Reopened — Public
September 9, 2026, 4:36pm by WWPD EP355

[redacted]

Message to requester — Requester + Staff

I have reopened your request, and we are currently looking into the additional records you requested. The estimated due date is set for 09/18/2026.

September 9, 2026, 4:37pm by WWPD EP355, POLICE RECORDS TECHNICIAN (Staff)

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September 17, 2026, 4:41pm by LISA NEISSL, City Clerk (Staff)

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