

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

Ryan Miller, Requester

v.

Pennsylvania State Police, Agency

REQUESTER'S APPEAL FROM FINAL RESPONSE

PSP RTKL Request No. 2026-3632

I. INTRODUCTION

Requester appeals the Pennsylvania State Police's September 24, 2026 Final Response to RTKL Request No. 2026-3632.

This appeal does **not** ask the Office of Open Records ("OOR") to compel PSP to disclose investigative strategy, witness statements, investigative conclusions, the identity of an investigative target, or other information that PSP establishes is exempt under Section 708(b)(16) of the Right-to-Know Law ("RTKL").

Rather, this appeal presents a narrower threshold issue:

Has PSP adequately established that it conducted a good-faith search reasonably calculated to identify all records responsive to the separately enumerated categories of the Request, and has PSP adequately accounted for the disposition of those categories?

PSP's Final Response and accompanying verification identify five General Offense Reports as responsive records and assert exemptions applicable to those reports and their investigative components. The response does not, however, clearly establish whether the separately requested interagency communications, prosecutorial communications, communications with counsel, administrative-processing records, dissemination records, interview-related records, evidence-processing records, and other categories were:

1. located and determined to be components of one or more identified General Offense Reports;
2. located independently of those reports and withheld pursuant to a claimed exemption;
3. searched for but determined not to exist; or
4. not separately searched for in repositories reasonably likely to contain such records.

Requester therefore seeks review of PSP's search and evidentiary showing, rather than an order requiring disclosure of information PSP actually demonstrates to constitute exempt criminal-investigative material.

II. PSP'S FINAL RESPONSE AND VERIFICATION

PSP's September 24, 2026 Final Response identifies five responsive General Offense Reports:

- PA 2022-1355945;
- PA 2025-356971;
- PA 2022-1212143;
- PA 2024-1597782; and
- PA 2025-384602.

PSP further represents that PA 2024-1597782 and PA 2025-384602 concern "open and ongoing criminal investigations," and that supplemental records will be added as those investigations continue.

The accompanying verification of Elizabeth Snyder states, in substance, that she searched the relevant PSP databases where responsive information may be stored, identified the five General Offense Reports, personally examined those reports, and determined that they document investigative activities performed by PSP personnel.

Requester does not presently dispute that a General Offense Report, or records actually demonstrated to be components of a criminal investigation, may qualify for protection under Section 708(b)(16).

The problem is different.

The Request did not seek only General Offense Reports.

III. THE REQUEST SOUGHT SEPARATELY IDENTIFIABLE CATEGORIES OF RECORDS

The underlying Request sought multiple categories of existing PSP records, including, among other categories:

- records concerning receipt and processing of information supplied to PSP;
- investigative and administrative communications;
- communications among PSP and other law-enforcement agencies;
- communications involving the Chester County District Attorney's Office;
- communications involving Requester's then-counsel;
- records involving East Pikeland Township Police Department;
- records involving East Whiteland Township Police Department;

- dissemination and routing records;
- records concerning investigative assignments and supervisory activity;
- interview-related records, including reports, summaries, notes, recordings, or documentation;
- evidence-processing records; and
- other specifically described records concerning the investigative matters identified in the Request.

These were not merely alternative descriptions of a General Offense Report. They identified different types of agency records that may reasonably exist in different PSP systems, communications repositories, investigative files, evidence systems, or custodial locations.

Yet PSP's verification proceeds from its database search directly to the identification of five General Offense Reports.

It does not clearly explain whether PSP searched for each of the separately requested categories or whether PSP determined that every responsive record in every category is contained within those five reports and their components.

IV. PSP HAS NOT ADEQUATELY ESTABLISHED THE SCOPE OF ITS SEARCH

Under the RTKL, an agency bears the burden of establishing the factual predicates supporting its denial.

A good-faith search should be reasonably calculated to uncover responsive records. Where a request identifies multiple categories of records potentially maintained in different repositories or by different custodians, identification of some responsive records does not necessarily establish that the agency searched for all responsive records.

PSP's verification states generally that a search was performed of relevant PSP databases where responsive information may be stored.

However, the verification does not clearly identify:

1. which databases or repositories were searched for the separately requested communications;
2. whether PSP email or other communications repositories were searched;
3. whether relevant custodians were identified or consulted;
4. whether records associated with communications between PSP and the Chester County District Attorney's Office were searched;
5. whether communications between PSP and East Pikeland Township Police Department were searched;

6. whether communications between PSP and East Whiteland Township Police Department were searched;
7. whether communications involving Requester's then-counsel were searched;
8. whether interview-related, evidence-processing, dissemination, routing, administrative, or supervisory records were separately searched for; or
9. whether PSP determined that all such records, if they exist, are incorporated into the five identified General Offense Reports.

This distinction matters because the OOR separately evaluates whether a particular responsive record is exempt and whether additional responsive records exist.

Requester therefore respectfully submits that identifying five responsive General Offense Reports does not, standing alone, establish that PSP conducted a search reasonably calculated to locate all records responsive to the Request.

V. PSP HAS NOT ADEQUATELY ACCOUNTED FOR THE SEPARATELY REQUESTED INTERAGENCY AND PROSECUTORIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Of particular relevance, the Request expressly encompassed communications involving multiple governmental and law-enforcement entities concerning the identified matters.

The Final Response does not establish whether responsive communications between PSP and the Chester County District Attorney's Office exist.

Likewise, it does not establish whether responsive communications between PSP and East Pikeland Township Police Department or East Whiteland Township Police Department exist.

Nor does it clearly account for responsive communications involving Requester's then-counsel.

Requester does **not** ask the OOR to require PSP to reveal the substance of an exempt investigative communication merely because that communication exists.

Instead, Requester challenges whether PSP has established what happened to these specifically requested categories.

For example, the present record does not allow the Requester or OOR to determine whether:

- responsive PSP–District Attorney communications were located and incorporated into one of the identified investigative files;
- responsive PSP–District Attorney communications exist separately and were withheld;
- no such responsive communications were located after an appropriate search;

or whether PSP simply treated the five General Offense Reports as dispositive of the broader Request.

The same uncertainty applies to communications involving East Pikeland, East Whiteland, and Requester's then-counsel.

PSP should be required to meet its evidentiary burden concerning those categories.

VI. THE INVESTIGATIVE EXEMPTION DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED TO ESTABLISH THAT RESPONSIVE RECORDS WERE LOCATED AND FALL WITHIN THE EXEMPTION

Requester recognizes that Section 708(b)(16) can protect correspondence and other records that relate to or result from a criminal investigation.

Accordingly, Requester does not argue categorically that an email, interagency communication, interview record, or other correspondence cannot constitute an investigative record.

The narrower issue is whether PSP has demonstrated that the particular records responsive to the Request were actually located and determined to fall within the claimed exemption.

An exemption applicable to a General Offense Report cannot substitute for evidence establishing either:

1. that additional responsive records do not exist; or
2. that additional responsive records were located and themselves satisfy the asserted exemption.

If PSP's position is that all responsive interagency communications, prosecutorial communications, interview documentation, evidence-processing records, administrative records, and other requested materials are components of one or more of the five identified General Offense Reports, PSP can establish that proposition through competent evidence without revealing their substantive investigative contents.

If PSP's position is instead that no additional responsive records exist, PSP likewise can establish the search performed and the resulting nonexistence of additional responsive records through competent evidence.

The present response does neither with sufficient clarity.

VII. PSP'S IDENTIFICATION OF TWO "OPEN AND ONGOING" INVESTIGATIONS DOES NOT RESOLVE THE SEARCH ISSUE

PSP affirmatively states that General Offense Report Nos. PA 2024-1597782 and PA 2025-384602 concern "open and ongoing criminal investigations."

Requester does not ask OOR to identify the target or subject of either investigation.

Requester likewise does not ask OOR to determine whether Requester is a suspect, complainant, victim, witness, source of evidence, or other involved person.

Nor does Requester seek disclosure of the direction, progress, strategy, findings, or anticipated result of either investigation.

PSP's identification of multiple responsive investigations instead reinforces the need for an adequate accounting of the separately requested record categories.

The Request concerns multiple events, communications, agencies, individuals, and investigative activities. Without an adequate evidentiary explanation, it cannot be determined whether the requested interagency and prosecutorial communications were located, to which investigative matter they relate, whether they exist outside the identified General Offense Reports, or whether no such records were found.

VIII. CONTEXT REGARDING WITNESS-RELATED INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

Requester provides the following limited context not to ask OOR to adjudicate any criminal, constitutional, discovery, or prosecutorial issue, but to explain why the separately requested communications and investigative categories are material to determining whether PSP adequately responded to the Request.

Requester was directly informed that PSP was investigating alleged witness intimidation associated with Requester's criminal proceedings.

The individual affected by the alleged conduct was an intended defense witness. That individual ultimately was neither subpoenaed nor called at Requester's May 30, 2025 trial, and Requester maintains that additional conduct affecting that witness continued through the period immediately preceding trial.

The Request therefore specifically sought records capable of establishing the documentary history of governmental handling of the reported conduct, including communications involving PSP, other law-enforcement agencies, the prosecuting authority, and counsel.

PSP's present response does not establish whether either investigation it now characterizes as "open and ongoing" corresponds to that reported investigative activity.

Requester does **not** ask OOR to decide that question.

Likewise, Requester does not ask OOR to adjudicate whether any responsive record constitutes exculpatory evidence, impeachment evidence, discovery material, or information subject to disclosure under *Brady v. Maryland*, *Giglio v. United States*, Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 573, or any other criminal-procedure authority.

Those questions are outside the limited purpose of this RTKL appeal.

Rather, this context demonstrates why PSP's accounting of the separately requested records matters: the Final Response does not establish whether responsive interagency and prosecutorial communications exist, were located, are contained within identified investigative files, exist independently, or were determined not to exist.

IX. THE OOR SHOULD DISTINGUISH NONEXISTENCE FROM EXEMPTION

For each properly requested category of records, the RTKL analysis necessarily depends upon what PSP actually possesses.

Conceptually, a responsive category may produce at least three outcomes:

1. responsive public records exist and must be produced;
2. responsive records exist but PSP establishes that an exemption permits or requires withholding; or
3. after a good-faith search, PSP establishes that responsive records do not exist within its possession, custody, or control.

PSP's present response leaves unresolved which of those outcomes applies to numerous separately requested categories.

This is not a request that PSP create a new record or answer interrogatories.

Requester seeks only an adequate evidentiary showing concerning PSP's search for, and disposition of, the existing records described in the original Request.

X. REQUESTER DOES NOT SEEK TO MODIFY THE UNDERLYING REQUEST

Requester expressly limits this appeal to records encompassed by the original Request.

Requester does not seek through this appeal to add a new request concerning current access to Octorara Area School District property, the present legal effect of any historical trespass warning or exclusion directive, or any other record category not encompassed by the original Request.

Any such issue may be addressed separately through a future RTKL request.

The present appeal concerns only whether PSP adequately searched for and accounted for the records already requested in RTKL Request No. 2026-3632.

XI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

For the foregoing reasons, Requester respectfully asks the Office of Open Records to:

1. determine whether PSP has established through competent evidence that it conducted a good-faith search reasonably calculated to identify all records responsive to each category of the Request;
2. require PSP, to the extent necessary to satisfy its burden, to provide competent evidence describing the scope of its search for the separately requested communications, interagency records, prosecutorial communications, communications involving counsel, administrative records, dissemination records, interview-related records, evidence-processing records, and other categories contained in the Request;
3. determine whether PSP has established whether additional responsive records exist within its possession, custody, or control;
4. require PSP to establish the applicability of any asserted exemption to responsive records or categories of records actually located;
5. order disclosure of any responsive public records for which PSP fails to establish an applicable exemption; and
6. grant such other relief as the OOR determines appropriate under the RTKL.

Requester does **not** request an order compelling PSP to create a record, answer interrogatories, identify the target or subject of an investigation, reveal investigative strategy or conclusions, disclose witness statements, or produce material PSP actually establishes to be exempt under Section 708(b)(16).

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Miller
Requester

Date: _September 24, 2026_____

APPENDIX A

CATEGORY-BY-CATEGORY ACCOUNTING OF PSP'S RESPONSE

The following chart compares the discrete categories of records contained in Requester's August 18, 2026 Right-to-Know Law Request with the Pennsylvania State Police's September 24, 2026 Final Response and supporting verification.

This Appendix is not offered to require PSP to create a new record, answer questions, identify an investigative target, or disclose material actually established to be exempt under the RTKL. It illustrates the narrower issue raised in this appeal: whether PSP's identification of five General Offense Reports adequately accounts for the separately described categories of existing records sought by Requester.

Category	Records Actually Requested	What PSP's Final Response / Verification Establishes	Unresolved Search or Disposition Issue
1 — Receipt of Investigative Materials	Records documenting receipt, retrieval, transfer, inventory, processing, evaluation, storage, or disposition of investigative materials received from East Pikeland Township Police Department and East Whiteland Township Police Department , including reports, recordings, photographs, digital evidence, documents, correspondence, investigative submissions, evidence logs, chain-of-custody documentation, and inventory records.	PSP states generally that its search identified five responsive General Offense Reports and that those reports and their components are exempt.	PSP does not state whether records documenting the receipt or transfer of materials from EPPD or EWPD were separately located; whether evidence logs, transfer records, chain-of-custody records, inventories, correspondence, or investigative submissions exist; whether those records are components of one or more identified reports; or whether no additional responsive records were located.
2 — Investigative Assignment	Records documenting assignment of investigators and supervisory personnel, investigative referrals, investigative memoranda and planning, requests for investigative assistance, supervisory review, investigative status, and investigative disposition.	PSP identifies five General Offense Reports, including two it describes as open and ongoing criminal investigations .	PSP does not state whether assignment, referral, supervisory, planning, status, or disposition records were searched for or located; whether they are incorporated into identified investigative files; or whether no additional responsive records exist. The identification of two ongoing investigations does not itself account for the requested assignment and supervisory records.

**3 —
Investigative
Communications**

Communications among PSP personnel concerning Requester and investigative materials received from EPPD or EYPD, including emails, memoranda, internal messaging, investigative notes, case-management entries, supervisory communications, and investigative summaries.

PSP applies the investigative exemptions to the five General Offense Reports and their components, describing the protected material as including investigative materials, notes, correspondence, and reports.

PSP does not establish whether the specifically requested **emails, internal messages, case-management entries, supervisory communications, or other internal communications** were actually searched for and located; whether all such communications are components of the five reports; or whether additional responsive communications do not exist.

**4 — Interagency
Communications**

Communications between PSP and other governmental agencies concerning the identified investigative activity, specifically including **EPPD, EYPD, the Chester County District Attorney's Office, Octorara Area School District, and other governmental investigative agencies**, including emails, memoranda, referrals, correspondence, call logs, records memorializing telephone conversations, investigative notes, and records documenting dissemination of investigative information.

PSP identifies five General Offense Reports and applies investigative exemptions generally to the reports and their components.

PSP does not state whether responsive **PSP↔EPPD, PSP↔EYPD, PSP↔Chester County DA, or PSP↔Octorara** communications were located; whether communications repositories or relevant custodians were searched; whether responsive communications are components of identified investigative files; whether responsive communications exist independently of those files; or whether no responsive communications were found.

**5 — Witness
and Interview
Documentation**

Records documenting specified investigative interviews concerning Requester and identified individuals, including interview reports and summaries, investigative memoranda, investigator notes, supplemental reports, witness documentation, and existing audio/video recordings.

PSP invokes the criminal-investigation exemption as to the five General Offense Reports and separately advises that requests for law-enforcement audio/video recordings are governed by 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 67A.

PSP does not identify which, if any, of the specified interviews correspond to the five reports; whether interview reports, summaries, notes, supplemental reports, or witness documentation were located; or whether any requested interview documentation does not exist. The separate Chapter 67A issue concerning recordings does not itself account for the requested **non-recording interview documentation**.

**5A — Specific
Recordings and
Transcripts**

Specifically identified audio recording of an investigative interview concerning a matter represented as resolved; and a transcript or recording relating to the specified Wiretap Act allegation represented as closed. The Request also sought limited factual confirmation if the latter recording was withheld.

PSP states generally that audio/video recordings of law-enforcement agencies are not processed through the RTKL and refers Requester to the procedure in 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 67A.

PSP does not state whether either specifically described recording exists or whether a responsive transcript exists. To the extent the Request sought an existing transcript or other existing documentary record, PSP does not separately account for it. Requester recognizes that the RTKL does not require PSP to create answers to factual questions where no responsive record exists.

**5B — Witness
Statements and
Interview Scope**

Existing written/sworn statements, complaints, or reports from specified individuals concerning the Category 5A(b) matter; an existing list, log, or roster identifying persons interviewed and interview dates; and existing records documenting the basis for characterization of the specified recording under the Wiretap Act.

PSP applies the investigative exemption generally to the five General Offense Reports and their components.

PSP does not state whether the specifically requested statements, complaints, reports, interview roster/log, or records concerning the basis for the Wiretap Act characterization were located; whether they are components of a particular identified investigative file; or whether any such records do not exist.

**6 —
Investigative
Evidence
Processing**

Records documenting review and evaluation of submitted evidence, evidence inventories and transfers, chain of custody, digital-forensic referrals, requests for search warrants, supervisory review of evidence, and investigative recommendations.

PSP states generally that the identified General Offense Reports document investigative activity and that the reports and their components are exempt.

PSP does not separately account for evidence inventories, evidence-transfer records, chain-of-custody records, digital-forensic referrals, search-warrant-request records, supervisory evidence review, or investigative recommendations. It remains unclear whether these records were located and withheld as investigative components or whether no additional responsive records exist.

**7 —
Investigative
Database
Activity**

Records sufficient to identify investigative database queries, audit logs, investigative lookup records, or other records documenting investigative access to records concerning Requester arising from the identified investigative matters.

Snyder states that she searched relevant PSP databases and located five General Offense Reports.

Searching PSP databases is not the same issue as searching for records documenting investigative database activity. PSP does not state whether the requested query records, audit logs, lookup records, or other access records exist; whether the systems maintaining such records were searched; whether such records were withheld under an identified exemption; or whether no responsive database-activity records exist.

**8 —
Investigative
Disposition**

Records documenting investigative findings, referrals, declinations, requests for additional investigation, closure memoranda, supervisory decisions, disposition reports, and case-status documentation.

PSP identifies five responsive reports and states that two—PA 2024-1597782 and PA 2025-384602—are **open and ongoing**, with supplemental records to be added as the investigations continue.

PSP's statement provides status information concerning two reports but does not account for the requested disposition records concerning the remaining investigative matters, including referrals, declinations, closure memoranda, supervisory decisions, or disposition documentation. Nor does it establish whether responsive disposition records exist separately from the identified General Offense Reports.

**9 —
Dissemination**

Records documenting PSP's dissemination, forwarding, referral, or transmission of investigative reports, evidence, correspondence, recordings, memoranda, or investigative materials concerning the matters described in the Request.

PSP does not separately address dissemination records beyond its general reliance upon exemptions applicable to the five General Offense Reports and their components.

PSP does not establish whether it searched for records showing **to whom PSP transmitted investigative information or evidence**, whether responsive dissemination/transmission records were located, whether such records are components of identified investigative files, or whether no responsive dissemination records exist.

**10 —
Administrative
Processing**

Records documenting transfers of investigative responsibility, requests for investigative assistance, jurisdictional determinations, administrative coordination, investigative routing, and supervisory administrative review.

PSP's response focuses upon the investigative nature of the five General Offense Reports and their components.

PSP does not separately establish whether the requested **administrative-processing records** were searched for or located, nor whether every responsive administrative record relates to or results from a criminal investigation such that the asserted investigative exemption applies. It also does not establish that no additional responsive administrative records exist.

11 — Conflict of Interest Reporting and Investigative Direction

Four specifically defined groups: **(a)** communications/reports to the Chester County DA concerning a potential conflict of interest, including communications by Requester, the identified individual, or Requester's then-defense counsel; **(b)** requests, referrals, or directives from the Chester County DA to PSP concerning initiation, continuation, or scope of an investigation; **(c)** PSP communications with Requester's then-defense counsel concerning the described matters; and **(d)** communications between PSP supervisory personnel and the East Whiteland Police Chief concerning Requester, the underlying criminal matter, or the identified individual's potential testimony, participation, or cooperation as a witness.

PSP identifies five General Offense Reports and asserts investigative exemptions generally. Its response does not separately address any of the four expressly identified subcategories.

This category presents a particularly identifiable search issue. PSP does not state whether **PSP↔DA communications, DA→PSP investigative directions/referrals, PSP↔defense-counsel communications, or PSP-supervisor↔EWPD-Chief communications** were located; whether they reside within identified investigative files; whether they exist separately; or whether searches of the relevant communications repositories/custodians produced no responsive records.

12 — Communications with Octorara Area School District Concerning Interview Timing	Existing communications between PSP and Octorara Area School District or its representatives concerning the specifically identified individual during the defined period beginning with the Category 5A(a) interview and ending thirty days later.	PSP's response does not separately address this narrowly defined communication category.	PSP does not state whether communications with Octorara during the specified thirty-day period were searched for or located; whether any responsive communications are incorporated into an identified investigative file; whether they exist separately from such a file; or whether no responsive records exist.
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SUMMARY OF UNRESOLVED ACCOUNTING

PSP's response establishes that its search produced five General Offense Reports and that PSP considers those reports and their investigative components exempt, subject to the limited Public Information Release material provided.

The response does not, however, provide a category-by-category accounting sufficient to determine whether the other specifically described records were searched for, located, incorporated into those reports, independently withheld, or determined not to exist.

The distinction can be summarized as follows:

Located and exempt is not the same factual proposition as searched for and nonexistent.

Likewise:

Identification of an investigative file is not, without further evidentiary explanation, necessarily an accounting for every separately requested record type potentially maintained in communications systems, evidence systems, administrative systems, database audit systems, or other PSP repositories.

Requester therefore submits this Appendix solely to assist the OOR in evaluating whether PSP has met its burden concerning the scope of its search, the existence or nonexistence of additional responsive records, and the applicability of asserted exemptions to records actually located.



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Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

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SUBMITTED TO AGENCY NAME: Pennsylvania State Police (Attn: AORO)

Date Request Submitted: 8/18/20 Submitted via: ☒ Email ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Fax ☐ In Person

PERSON MAKING REQUEST:

Full Name: John Ryan Miller

Company (if applicable): _____

Please send response via: ☒ Email ☐ U.S. Mail

If you wish to obtain records that only exist in hard copy, or must be provided on an electronic storage device, you may be required to provide a mailing address to the agency. See Section 703.

Email: CulturalContrarian@Protonmail.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 256

City: Kimberton State: PA Zip: 19442 Telephone: _____

How do you prefer to be contacted if the agency has questions? ☐ Telephone ☒ Email ☐ U.S. Mail

■ By checking this box, I affirm that my full name and contact information is true and correct, and that I am a legal resident of the United States. I understand that failure to check this box may result in the denial of my request and the dismissal of any appeal filed with the Office of Open Records.

RECORDS REQUESTED: *Provide as much detail as possible, including subject matter, time frame, and type of record sought. RTKL requests must seek records, not ask questions. Use additional pages if necessary.*

Due to the limited space in this form, I am attaching my request (JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01)

Given the scope of this request, I recognize the Pennsylvania State Police may require the full extension period permitted under 65 P.S. § 67.902(b) to respond, and I do not intend to dispute a properly noticed extension.

I request that any responsive records be provided electronically to minimize duplication costs to: culturalcontrarian@protonmail.com

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Records shall be provided in the medium requested if they exist in that medium; otherwise, they shall be provided in the medium in which they exist. See Section 701. Your request may require payment or prepayment of fees. View the [Official RTKL Fee Schedule](#) for more details.

I understand that my request may incur fees. Notify me before further processing if fees will be more than ☐ \$100 (or) ☐ \$_____.

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30-Day Ext.? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, Final Due Date: _____) Actual Response Date: _____

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Pennsylvania State Police Right-to-Know Request

Submission Record No. JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01

Subject:

Right-to-Know Request – Pennsylvania State Police Records Relating to Investigative Activity Arising from Referrals, Evidence, and Allegations Originating from East Pikeland Township Police Department and East Whiteland Township Police Department Concerning John Ryan Miller

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§67.101 et seq., I respectfully request access to the following existing records maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police.

Time Period

January 1, 2024 through the date this request is processed.

This request seeks records documenting the Pennsylvania State Police's receipt, evaluation, investigative processing, interagency communications, evidence handling, and investigative disposition concerning materials and investigative referrals originating from East Pikeland Township Police Department and East Whiteland Township Police Department relating to John Ryan Miller.

This request is not intended to request records concerning the March 2022 Octorara Area School District operational planning or subsequent criminal proceedings, which are the subject of a separate Right-to-Know request.

Category 1 – Receipt of Investigative Materials

Records documenting the receipt, retrieval, transfer, inventory, processing, evaluation, storage, or disposition of investigative materials received by the Pennsylvania State Police from:

- East Pikeland Township Police Department;
- East Whiteland Township Police Department;

relating to John Ryan Miller.

This category includes:

- reports;
- recordings;
- photographs;
- digital evidence;
- documents;
- correspondence;
- investigative submissions;
- evidence logs;
- chain-of-custody documentation;
- inventory records.

Category 2 – Investigative Assignment

Records documenting:

- assignment of investigators;
- assignment of supervisory personnel;

- investigative referrals;
- investigative memoranda;
- investigative planning;
- requests for investigative assistance;
- supervisory review;
- investigative status;
- investigative disposition.

Category 3 – Investigative Communications

Records documenting communications between Pennsylvania State Police personnel concerning investigative activity relating to:

- John Ryan Miller;
- investigative materials received from East Pikeland Township Police Department;
- investigative materials received from East Whiteland Township Police Department.

This category includes:

- emails;
- memoranda;
- internal messaging;
- investigative notes;
- case management entries;
- supervisory communications;
- investigative summaries.

Category 4 – Interagency Communications

Records documenting communications between the Pennsylvania State Police and other governmental agencies concerning investigative activity relating to John Ryan Miller.

This category includes communications with, or concerning:

- East Pikeland Township Police Department;
- East Whiteland Township Police Department;
- Chester County District Attorney's Office;
- Octorara Area School District;
- other governmental investigative agencies.

This category includes:

- emails;
- memoranda;
- investigative referrals;
- correspondence;
- call logs;
- records memorializing telephone conversations;
- investigative notes;

- records documenting dissemination of investigative information.

This request seeks communications concerning the investigative subject matter described above and is not intended to request every communication merely mentioning John Ryan Miller.

Category 5 – Witness and Interview Documentation

Records documenting investigative interviews conducted concerning allegations relating to:

- the requester;
- a witness who, at the relevant time, served as a Sergeant with the East Whiteland Township Police Department;
- an individual who, at the relevant time, served as a director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District;
- an individual who, at the relevant time, served as a sitting Octorara Area School District Board Director, and who was subsequently re-elected and currently serves as Board Vice President;

to the extent such interviews relate to investigative matters received from East Pikeland Township Police Department or East Whiteland Township Police Department.

This category includes:

- interview reports;
- interview summaries;
- investigative memoranda;
- investigator notes;
- supplemental reports;
- witness documentation;
- audio or video recordings of any such interview, to the extent such recordings exist.

Category 5A – Specific Recordings and Transcripts

This request specifically seeks:

- (a) A copy of the audio recording of the investigative interview referenced above, concerning a matter that has since been resolved, to the extent such a recording exists and is not otherwise exempt from disclosure.
- (b) A transcript, or in the absence of a transcript, the audio or video recording itself, relating to the matter that was the subject of an allegation under the Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 5701 et seq., concerning a matter that has since been closed.

If the Pennsylvania State Police declines to produce the recording or transcript requested in subsection (b) above on the basis of an active investigation, an exemption relating to criminal investigative materials, or any other statutory basis, I respectfully request written confirmation of the following limited factual matters:

- whether a recording responsive to subsection (b) exists;
- if such a recording exists, whether the investigative record reflects that the Board's Executive Session had concluded prior to the time the recording was made; and
- if such a recording exists, whether the investigative record identifies the location where the recording was made, including whether that location was a room within a public building accessible to the public, and whether the door to that room was open or closed at the time.

This request is limited to the discrete factual questions above. It does not seek investigative analysis, legal conclusions, or characterizations of any kind.

Category 5B – Witness Statements and Interview Scope

This request further seeks:

(a) Any written or sworn statement, complaint, or report provided to the Pennsylvania State Police in connection with the matter described in Category 5A(b) by:

- the individual who reported the matter;
- the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District; and
- any other individual who provided a statement to the Pennsylvania State Police in connection with that matter,

to the extent such statements exist.

(b) A list, log, or roster sufficient to identify all individuals interviewed by the Pennsylvania State Police in connection with the matter described in Category 5A(b), including the date of each interview, to the extent such a record exists.

(c) Any record documenting the basis relied upon by the Pennsylvania State Police, or by the reporting party, in characterizing the recording referenced in Category 5A(b) as it relates to the Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, including any record addressing the status of the Board's Executive Session, the location of the recording, or the individuals present, at the time the recording was made, to the extent such a record exists.

This request does not seek the identity of any individual not already identified in this request, and is not intended to require the Pennsylvania State Police to identify or characterize any witness who was not interviewed. It seeks only the existing documentary record described above.

Category 6 – Investigative Evidence Processing

Records documenting:

- review of submitted evidence;
- investigative evaluation;
- evidence inventories;
- evidence transfers;
- chain of custody;
- digital forensic referrals;
- requests for search warrants;
- supervisory review of evidence;
- investigative recommendations.

Category 7 – Investigative Database Activity

Records sufficient to identify investigative database queries, audit logs, investigative lookup records, or other records documenting investigative access to records concerning John Ryan Miller arising from investigative matters described in this request.

Category 8 – Investigative Disposition

Records documenting:

- investigative findings;
- referrals;
- declinations;
- requests for additional investigation;
- closure memoranda;
- supervisory decisions;
- disposition reports;
- case status documentation.

Category 9 – Dissemination

Records documenting dissemination, forwarding, referral, or transmission by the Pennsylvania State Police of investigative reports, evidence, correspondence, recordings, memoranda, or investigative materials relating to the investigative matters described in this request.

Category 10 – Administrative Processing

Records documenting administrative processing of investigative matters described in this request, including:

- transfers of investigative responsibility;
- requests for investigative assistance;
- jurisdictional determinations;
- administrative coordination;
- investigative routing;
- supervisory administrative review.

Category 11 – Conflict of Interest Reporting and Investigative Direction

This request seeks:

(a) Records documenting any communication or report made to the Chester County District Attorney's Office expressing concern regarding a potential conflict of interest arising from the Pennsylvania State Police's investigation of matters described in this request, including any such communication made by:

- the requester;
- the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District; or
- the requester's then-defense counsel of record in the underlying criminal matter.

(b) Records documenting any request, referral, or directive, in any form, from the Chester County District Attorney's Office to the Pennsylvania State Police requesting, directing, authorizing, or otherwise relating to the initiation, continuation, or scope of any investigation described in this request.

(c) Records documenting communications between the Pennsylvania State Police and the requester's then-defense counsel of record in the underlying criminal matter, to the extent such communications relate to the matters described in this request.

(d) Records documenting any communication between a Pennsylvania State Police Captain, or any other Pennsylvania State Police supervisory personnel, and the Chief of the East Whiteland Township Police Department, concerning:

- the requester;

- the requester's underlying criminal matter; or
- the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District, including his potential testimony, participation, or cooperation as a witness in that matter.

This category includes emails, memoranda, referral letters, internal notes documenting verbal communications, and case assignment records reflecting the source of an investigative referral.

Category 12 – Communications with Octorara Area School District Concerning Interview Timing

Records documenting any communication between the Pennsylvania State Police and Octorara Area School District, or any representative thereof, concerning the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator, occurring between the date of the interview described in Category 5A(a) and thirty (30) days thereafter, to the extent such records exist.

This category seeks existing records only. It does not seek an agency determination, timeline, or analysis of any relationship between the interview and any subsequent employment action.

Clarification

This request seeks existing records maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police.

This request is intended to identify the documentary record maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police concerning investigative processing arising from investigative referrals and evidence received from East Pikeland Township Police Department and East Whiteland Township Police Department.

It is not intended to request records unrelated to those investigative matters or to require the creation of records or legal conclusions.

If any responsive records are withheld, I respectfully request identification of the specific statutory basis relied upon together with production of all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions.

If any portion of this request is considered insufficiently specific, I respectfully request identification of the portion requiring clarification so that it may be reasonably narrowed prior to denial.

Respectfully,

John Ryan Miller



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
1800 ELMERTON AVENUE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17110

Mailing Date: September 24, 2026

John Ryan Miller
PO Box 256
Kimberton, Pennsylvania 19442

PSP/RTKL Request N° 2026-3632

Dear Mr. Miller:

On August 18, 2026, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) received your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 – 67.3104, wherein you requested:

Due to the limited space in this form, I am attaching my request (JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01)

Given the scope of this request, I recognize the Pennsylvania State Police may require the full extension period permitted under 65 P.S. § 67.902(b) to respond, and I do not intend to dispute a properly noticed extension.

I request that any responsive records be provided electronically to minimize duplication costs to: culturalcontrarian@protonmail.com+

See Attached Document (JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01)

In my response to DO YOU WANT COPIES: Yes means Digitally, printed is not necessary.

"Please see attached request"

A copy of your request is enclosed. In accordance with RTKL section 67.902(b), you were notified by letter dated August 25, 2026, that PSP required an additional thirty days to prepare this final response to your request.

Your request is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is granted insofar as the two responsive two-page and one three-page responsive records, Public

Information Release Reports pertaining to PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2025-384602, PA 2024-1597782 and PA 2022-1212143 (marked for identification as PSP/RTK000001-PSP/RTK000007). This document is enclosed with this letter.

However, your request is respectfully denied because the records you seek, are not available to the public. The RTKL only requires Commonwealth agencies to provide documents that are public records. 65, § 67.301. It is well settled that PSP is a Commonwealth agency within the meaning of the RTKL. See *id.* § 67.101; *Dekok v. PSP*, OOR Dkt. AP 2011-0086 at 4. A document is not a public record if: (1) it is specifically exempted from disclosure in section 67.708 of the RTKL; (2) it is not otherwise exempt under other federal or state law; or (3) it is protected by a privilege. 65, § 67.102 (defining "Public Record").

Following the first limitation on the definition of public records, PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2022-1355945 and PA 2025-356971 (Formerly referred to as PSP "Assignment Report") are exempt from public disclosure by RTKL section 67.708(b)(17), as a record relating to a non-criminal investigation. More specifically, PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2022-1355945 and 2025-356971 are the documented PSP investigation into a complaint in which Troopers determined no criminal activity had occurred. By regulation, Troopers used the General Offense Report to "record the results of investigations or actions taken on miscellaneous matters which are not covered on a more specific report. The report is also intended to serve as an information resource to assist [troopers] in resolving investigations." Thus, the reports, and any of their components, are exempt under the RTKL as a PSP record:

- ". . . relating to a noncriminal investigation," under 65 PA. C. S. § 67.708(b)(17);
- containing "[c]omplaints submitted to an agency," *id.* § 67.708(b)(17)(i);
- comprising "[i]nvestigative materials, notes, correspondence and reports," *id.* § 67.708(b)(17)(ii);
- that, if disclosed, would "[r]eveal the institution, progress or result of an agency investigation," *id.* § 67.708(b)(17)(vi)(A); and
- containing "personal identification information," *id.* § 67.708(b)(6)(i).

Office of Open Records decisions have reinforced these statutory rules. For instance, *Wykoff vs. Pennsylvania State Police* holds that assignment reports specifically are barred from disclosure as non-criminal investigations under the RTKL. *Wykoff vs. Pa. State Police*, OOR Docket N° AP 2009-0353 at 5. Furthermore, none of the report's components comprises original records of entry, a chronology of arrests, the identification of arrested individuals, the specification of criminal charges or any other "information contained in a police blotter as defined in 18 Pa. C.S. § 9102[.]" which

would normally be accessible to the public. A supporting verification that attests to these findings is enclosed.

In addition, the remaining responsive records, PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2022-1212143, PA 2024-1597782, and PA 2025-384602 (formerly referred to as PSP "Incident Report"), details a PSP investigation into a complaint of criminal activity. Thus, the reports and their components, are "[a] record of an agency relating to or resulting in a criminal investigation," which is exempt from public disclosure under RTKL section 67.708(b)(16). Furthermore:

- The reports contain "[c]omplaints of potential criminal conduct other than a private criminal complaint[.]" and, thus, is exempt from public disclosure under RTKL section 67.708(b)(16)(i).
- Because they reflect the findings and conclusions, as well as the actions, observations and notes of investigating troopers, the report's components constitute "[i]nvestigative materials, notes, correspondence, . . . and reports," all of which are exempt from public disclosure under RTKL section 67.708(b)(16)(ii).
- In its entirety, as well as in its components, the reports are "[a] record that, if disclosed, would . . . [r]eveal the institution, progress, or result of a criminal investigation," and, therefore, exempt from public disclosure under RTKL section 67.708(b)(16)(vi)(A).
- The reports include "victim information," (e.g., the victim's full name, birth date, residential address and telephone number) and, thus, is exempt from public disclosure under RTKL section 67.708(b)(16)(v).
- The reports also contain personal identifying information, all of which are exempt from public disclosure under RTKL section 67.708(b)(6)(i)(A).
- Yet, none of the report's components comprises original records of entry, a chronology of arrests, the identification of arrested individuals, the specification of criminal charges or any other "information contained in a police blotter as defined in 18 Pa. C. S. § 9102" that would be accessible to the public.

A supporting verification accompanies this letter.

Furthermore, disclosing the reports or their components to you would violate Pennsylvania's *Criminal History Record Information Act* (CHRIA), 18 Pa. C. S. §§ 9101-9183, which prohibits criminal justice agencies from disseminating investigative information, except to other criminal justice agencies. 18 Pa. C. S. § 9106(c)(4). CHRIA

defines "investigative information" as "[i]nformation assembled as a result of the performance of any inquiry, formal or informal, into a criminal incident or an allegation of criminal wrongdoing." 18 Pa. C. S. § 9102. Therefore, PSP is barred by CHRIA from providing you with access to the records you have requested. See *McGarvey v. Pa. State Police*, OOR Docket N° AP 2009-0522 (Glinn) (CHRIA section 9106 protects criminal investigation report, in its entirety, from public disclosure).

Please be advised PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2024-1597782 and PA 2025-384602 are **open and ongoing** criminal investigations and supplemental records will be added as the investigation continues.

Furthermore, requests for audio or video recordings of law enforcement agencies are not processed through the Right to Know Law process. Act 22 of 2017 (specifically, Chapter 67A of the Act) establishes a new process for requesting audio and video recordings in the possession of a law enforcement agency in Pennsylvania.

Section 67A02(a) of the Judicial Code provides the following:

The provisions of this chapter, and not the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L. 6, No. 3), known as the Right-to- Know Law shall apply to any audio recording or video recording made by a law enforcement agency.

42 Pa.C.S. § 67a02a.

The Judicial Code does provide a procedure by which an individual may request an audio or video recording made by a law enforcement agency. Section 67A03 provides the following:

67A03. Requests for law enforcement audio recordings or video recordings.

The following shall apply:

- (1) An individual who requests an audio recording or video recording made by a law enforcement agency shall, within 60 days of the date when the audio recording or video recording was made, serve a written request to the individual who is designated as the open-records officer for the law enforcement agency under section 502 of the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law. Service is effective upon receipt of the written request by the open-records officer from personal delivery or certified mail with proof of service.
- (2) The request under paragraph (1) shall specify with particularity the incident or event that is the subject of the audio recording or video recording, including the date, time and location of the incident or event.

- (3) The request shall include a statement describing the requester's relationship to the incident or event that is the subject of the audio or video recording.
- (4) If the incident or event that is the subject of the audio recording or video recording occurred inside a residence, the request shall identify each individual who was present at the time of the audio recording or video recording unless not known and not reasonably ascertainable.

Should you follow the procedures outlined above, the PSP will process your request in accordance with the Judicial Code, 42 Pa.C.S. 101 et. seq. However, please note, audio and video recordings that contain investigative information of a criminal offense are exempted.

To the extent that your request seeks or may be construed to seek records involving covert law enforcement investigations, including intelligence gathering and analysis, PSP can neither confirm, nor deny the existence of such records without risk of compromising investigations and imperiling individuals. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, therefore, should this response to your request be interpreted as indicating otherwise. In all events, should such records exist, they are entirely exempt from public disclosure under RTKL and CHRIA.

You have a right to appeal this response in writing to Office of Open Records, 555 Walnut Street, Suite 605, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1925. The pertinent OOR appeal form is available for your use at, <https://www.dced.state.pa.us/public/oor/appealformgeneral.pdf>. If you choose to appeal, within 15 business days of the mailing date of this response, you must send to OOR:

- 1) this response;
- 2) your request; and
- 3) the reason(s) why you think the agency wrongfully denied your request. (a statement addressing any grounds provided by the agency for denying you access to the records you seek). If the agency gave several reasons why your access is denied, state which reasons you think are wrong.

Respectfully,



Elizabeth Snyder
Deputy Agency Open Records Officer
Pennsylvania State Police
Bureau of Records & Identification
Right-to-Know Law/Subpoena Section
1800 Elmerton Avenue

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Enclosures: PSP/RTKL Request N° 2026-3632
Granted "public record", PSP/RTK000001-PSP/RTK000007
Snyder Verification

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

VERIFICATION OF
ELIZABETH SNYDER
DEPUTY AGENCY OPEN RECORDS OFFICER

I, Elizabeth Snyder, Deputy Agency Open Records Officer of the Pennsylvania State Police, am authorized to prepare this verification on the Department's behalf in response to PSP/RTKL Request N° 2026-3632. Accordingly, on this 24th day of September, 2026, I verify the following facts to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge or information and belief:

1. I am familiar with PSP/RTKL Request N° 2026-3632, a copy of which accompanies this verification.
2. Utilizing the information contained in the request I have searched all relative PSP Databases where responsive information may be stored.
3. My searches revealed five responsive records, designated PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2022-1355945 and PA 2025-356971 (formerly referred to as PSP "Assignment Reports") and PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2022-1212143, PA 2024-1597782, and PA 2025-384602 (formerly referred to as PSP "Incident Report").
4. I personally examined these reports and determined they were created to document the results of actions taken by Troopers throughout the course of their non-criminal and criminal investigations.
5. Furthermore, PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2022-1355945, PA 2025-356971, PA 2022-1212143, PA 2024-1597782, and PA 2025-384602 and their components are exempt from disclosure as:
 - a. "contain "personal identification information;"

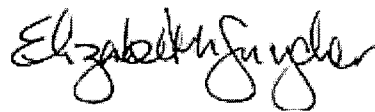
- b. entirely relate to non-criminal and criminal PSP investigations;
- c. contain both non-criminal and criminal complaints submitted to the PSP;
- d. contain investigative reports reflecting the findings, actions, conclusions, observations, and notes of Troopers;
- e. clearly, based on their content, are PSP records that, if disclosed, would reveal the institution, progress, and result of a non-criminal and criminal investigation; and
- f. are not a chronological compilation of original
- g. records of entry.

6. Therefore, I determined PSP General Offense Reports Nos. Nos. PA 2022-1355945, PA 2025-356971, PA 2022-1212143, PA 2024-1597782, and PA 2025-384602 are not "public records", and not subject to access by a requestor under the RTKL.
7. Accordingly, I have withheld these records from public disclosure and provided the requestor with the Public Information Release Reports pertaining to PSP General Offense Report No. PA 2022-1212143, PA 2024-1597782, and PA 2025-384602.
8. The requestor was advised PSP General Offense Report Nos. PA 2024-1597782 and PA 2025-384602 are **open and ongoing** criminal investigations and supplemental records will be added as the investigation continues.
9. In addition, the requestor was advised: requests for audio or video recordings of law enforcement agencies are not processed through the Right to Know Law process. Act 22 of 2017 (specifically, Chapter 67A of the Act) establishes a new process for requesting audio and

video recordings in the possession of a law enforcement agency in Pennsylvania.

10. Accordingly, I withheld this record from public disclosure but provided requestor the procedure for obtaining the requested audio/video.

I understand that false statements made in this verification are subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C. S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Snyder", written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Snyder
Deputy Agency Open Records Officer
Pennsylvania State Police



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT

STATION AVONDALE PATROL UNIT		CAD/CASE NO PA 2022-1212143
INVESTIGATING OFFICER CRNKOVIC,J,14249	DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT 09/19/2022 1900	
NATURE OF INCIDENT WEAPON POSS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY		
LOCATION HIGHLAND RD		
MUNICIPALITY(COUNTY) WEST FALLOWFIELD TWP (CHESTER)		

PERSON(S) INVOLVED (Age based off incident occurrence date):

ARRESTEE: John MILLER, 57, M, KIMBERTON, PA

BUSINESS(ES) INVOLVED:

Victim:OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, ATGLEN, PA

INCIDENT DETAILS:

In the interest of transparency, it is the policy of PSP to disseminate information regarding incidents which are likely to generate significant interest among the public and media in a timely manner. While we make every effort to ensure the information is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief, incidents are often fluid and rapidly evolving. Information provided should be considered preliminary and subject to change as additional investigative details emerge.

On 09/19/22 at approximately 1900 hours, John Ryan MILLER was located at the Octorara Junior/ Senior High School, 226 Highland Road, West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, PA. Mr. MILLER was previously served with a letter noting that he was "not permitted on any property owned or operated by the Octorara Area School District." At the request of the Superintendent of Octorara Area School District, Mr. MILLER was requested to leave the property. Mr. MILLER left the building but refused to leave the property of 226 Highland Road. Mr. MILLER then turned around and declared that he was "submitting" to being arrested for trespassing. Mr. MILLER was taken into custody at approximately 1913 hours. During a search incident to arrest, Mr. MILLER was found to be in possession of OC (oleoresin capsicum) spray, a weapon. Mr. MILLER was transported to Troop J - Avondale Barracks where charges were prepared and later transported to Chester County Prison for arraignment.

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT

STATION AVONDALE CRIME UNIT		CAD/CASE NO PA 2025-384602
INVESTIGATING OFFICER FIELD,H,13884	DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT 04/17/2023 2001 - 04/17/2023 2034	
NATURE OF INCIDENT HARASS COMMUNICATION		
LOCATION MOXLEY RD		
MUNICIPALITY(COUNTY) LONDON GROVE TWP (CHESTER)		

PERSON(S) INVOLVED (Age based off incident occurrence date):

VICTIM: 54, M, LINCOLN UNIV, PA

VICTIM: 58, M, COCHRANVILLE, PA

VICTIM: 60, M, ATGLEN, PA

VICTIM: 65, F, COCHRANVILLE, PA

VICTIM: 53, M, COCHRANVILLE, PA

VICTIM: 53, F, PARKESBURG, PA

VICTIM: 58, M, CHRISTIANA, PA

VICTIM: 52, M, PARKESBURG, PA

VICTIM: 58, F, PARKESBURG, PA

VICTIM: 64, M, WEST CHESTER, PA

ARRESTEE: Anthony FALGIATORE, 54, M, ATGLEN, PA

INCIDENT DETAILS:

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In the commission of this crime, PSP Avondale determined that a violation of the wiretap law occurred. PSP Avondale is currently investigating.

In the interest of transparency, it is the policy of PSP to disseminate information regarding incidents which are likely to generate significant interest among the public and media in a timely manner. While we make every effort to ensure the information is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief, incidents are often fluid and rapidly evolving. Information provided should be considered preliminary and subject to change as additional investigative details emerge.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT

STATION AVONDALE CRIME UNIT		CAD/CASE NO PA 2024-1597782
INVESTIGATING OFFICER FIELD,H,13884	DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT 11/07/2022 1000 - 11/25/2024 1340	
NATURE OF INCIDENT HARASS COMMUNICATION		
LOCATION HIGHLAND RD		
MUNICIPALITY(COUNTY) WEST FALLOWFIELD TWP (CHESTER)		

PERSON(S) INVOLVED (Age based off incident occurrence date):

VICTIM: 54, M, ATGLEN, PA

VICTIM: 48, F, ATGLEN, PA

INCIDENT DETAILS:

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In the commission of this crime, the victim is reporting harassment. PSP Avondale is investigating.

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2026-3632
8/25/26

Alleman, Hannah

From: CulturalContrarian <CulturalContrarian@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 3:52 PM
To: SP, PSP RIGHT TO KNOW
Subject: [External] RTK Request: JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01
Attachments: PSP-RTK-JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01.pdf

ATTENTION: This email message is from an external sender. Do not open attachments or click links from unknown senders. To report suspicious email, use the Report Phish button in Outlook.

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a completed Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form, along with the full written request (Submission Record No. JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01), submitted pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 et seq.

I respectfully request that this submission be accepted as of today's date and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Right-to-Know Law.

If any portion of the request is believed to require clarification, I respectfully request the opportunity to reasonably narrow or clarify the request prior to denial, consistent with the Act.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
- John Ryan Miller

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Pennsylvania
Office of Open Records

Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

Please read carefully. Complete this form and retain a copy of **both** pages; this copy may be required if an appeal is filed. You have 15 business days to appeal after a request is denied or deemed denied. More information about the RTKL is available at <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov>. In most cases, a completed RTKL request form is a public record.

SUBMITTED TO AGENCY NAME: Pennsylvania State Police (Attn: AORO)

Date Request Submitted: 8/18/20 Submitted via: ☒ Email ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Fax ☐ In Person

PERSON MAKING REQUEST:

Full Name: John Ryan Miller

Company (if applicable): _____

Please send response via: ☒ Email ☐ U.S. Mail

If you wish to obtain records that only exist in hard copy, or must be provided on an electronic storage device, you may be required to provide a mailing address to the agency. See Section 703.

Email: CulturalContrarian@Protonmail.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 256

City: Kimberton State: PA Zip: 19442 Telephone: _____

How do you prefer to be contacted if the agency has questions? ☐ Telephone ☒ Email ☐ U.S. Mail

■ By checking this box, I affirm that my full name and contact information is true and correct, and that I am a legal resident of the United States. I understand that failure to check this box may result in the denial of my request and the dismissal of any appeal filed with the Office of Open Records.

RECORDS REQUESTED: *Provide as much detail as possible, including subject matter, time frame, and type of record sought. RTKL requests must seek records, not ask questions. Use additional pages if necessary.*

Due to the limited space in this form, I am attaching my request (JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01)

Given the scope of this request, I recognize the Pennsylvania State Police may require the full extension period permitted under 65 P.S. § 67.902(b) to respond, and I do not intend to dispute a properly noticed extension.

I request that any responsive records be provided electronically to minimize duplication costs to: culturalcontrarian@protonmail.com

Form continues on page 2. Retain a copy of both pages.

RECORDS REQUESTED (continued):

See Attached Document (JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01)

In my response to DO YOU WANT COPIES: Yes means Digitally, printed is not necessary.

DO YOU WANT COPIES? ☐ Yes, printed ☒ Yes, electronic ☐ No, in-person inspection

Records shall be provided in the medium requested if they exist in that medium; otherwise, they shall be provided in the medium in which they exist. See Section 701. Your request may require payment or prepayment of fees. View the Official RTKL Fee Schedule for more details.

I understand that my request may incur fees. Notify me before further processing if fees will be more than ☐ **\$100 (or)** ☐ \$_____.

Do you want certified copies? ☐ Yes (may be subject to additional costs) ☒ No

ITEMS BELOW THIS LINE FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Tracking: _____ Date Received: _____ Response Due (5 bus. days): _____

30-Day Ext.? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, Final Due Date: _____) Actual Response Date: _____

Request was: ☐ Granted ☐ Partially Granted & Denied ☐ Denied Cost to Requester:
\$_____

☐ Appropriate third parties notified and given an opportunity to object to the release of requested records.

Retain a copy of both pages of this Form.

Pennsylvania State Police Right-to-Know Request

Submission Record No. JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01

Subject:

Right-to-Know Request – Pennsylvania State Police Records Relating to Investigative Activity Arising from Referrals, Evidence, and Allegations Originating from East Pikeland Township Police Department and East Whiteland Township Police Department Concerning John Ryan Miller

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§67.101 et seq., I respectfully request access to the following existing records maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police.

Time Period

January 1, 2024 through the date this request is processed.

This request seeks records documenting the Pennsylvania State Police's receipt, evaluation, investigative processing, interagency communications, evidence handling, and investigative disposition concerning materials and investigative referrals originating from East Pikeland Township Police Department and East Whiteland Township Police Department relating to John Ryan Miller.

This request is not intended to request records concerning the March 2022 Octorara Area School District operational planning or subsequent criminal proceedings, which are the subject of a separate Right-to-Know request.

Category 1 – Receipt of Investigative Materials

Records documenting the receipt, retrieval, transfer, inventory, processing, evaluation, storage, or disposition of investigative materials received by the Pennsylvania State Police from:

- East Pikeland Township Police Department;
- East Whiteland Township Police Department;

relating to John Ryan Miller.

This category includes:

- reports;
- recordings;
- photographs;
- digital evidence;
- documents;
- correspondence;
- investigative submissions;
- evidence logs;
- chain-of-custody documentation;
- inventory records.

Category 2 – Investigative Assignment

Records documenting:

- assignment of investigators;
- assignment of supervisory personnel;

- investigative referrals;
- investigative memoranda;
- investigative planning;
- requests for investigative assistance;
- supervisory review;
- investigative status;
- investigative disposition.

Category 3 – Investigative Communications

Records documenting communications between Pennsylvania State Police personnel concerning investigative activity relating to:

- John Ryan Miller;
- investigative materials received from East Pikeland Township Police Department;
- investigative materials received from East Whiteland Township Police Department.

This category includes:

- emails;
- memoranda;
- internal messaging;
- investigative notes;
- case management entries;
- supervisory communications;
- investigative summaries.

Category 4 – Interagency Communications

Records documenting communications between the Pennsylvania State Police and other governmental agencies concerning investigative activity relating to John Ryan Miller.

This category includes communications with, or concerning:

- East Pikeland Township Police Department;
- East Whiteland Township Police Department;
- Chester County District Attorney's Office;
- Octorara Area School District;
- other governmental investigative agencies.

This category includes:

- emails;
- memoranda;
- investigative referrals;
- correspondence;
- call logs;
- records memorializing telephone conversations;
- investigative notes;

- investigative findings;
- referrals;
- declinations;
- requests for additional investigation;
- closure memoranda;
- supervisory decisions;
- disposition reports;
- case status documentation.

Category 9 – Dissemination

Records documenting dissemination, forwarding, referral, or transmission by the Pennsylvania State Police of investigative reports, evidence, correspondence, recordings, memoranda, or investigative materials relating to the investigative matters described in this request.

Category 10 – Administrative Processing

Records documenting administrative processing of investigative matters described in this request, including:

- transfers of investigative responsibility;
- requests for investigative assistance;
- jurisdictional determinations;
- administrative coordination;
- investigative routing;
- supervisory administrative review.

Category 11 – Conflict of Interest Reporting and Investigative Direction

This request seeks:

(a) Records documenting any communication or report made to the Chester County District Attorney's Office expressing concern regarding a potential conflict of interest arising from the Pennsylvania State Police's investigation of matters described in this request, including any such communication made by:

- the requester;
- the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District; or
- the requester's then-defense counsel of record in the underlying criminal matter.

(b) Records documenting any request, referral, or directive, in any form, from the Chester County District Attorney's Office to the Pennsylvania State Police requesting, directing, authorizing, or otherwise relating to the initiation, continuation, or scope of any investigation described in this request.

(c) Records documenting communications between the Pennsylvania State Police and the requester's then-defense counsel of record in the underlying criminal matter, to the extent such communications relate to the matters described in this request.

(d) Records documenting any communication between a Pennsylvania State Police Captain, or any other Pennsylvania State Police supervisory personnel, and the Chief of the East Whiteland Township Police Department, concerning:

- the requester;

- records documenting dissemination of investigative information.

This request seeks communications concerning the investigative subject matter described above and is not intended to request every communication merely mentioning John Ryan Miller.

Category 5 – Witness and Interview Documentation

Records documenting investigative interviews conducted concerning allegations relating to:

- the requester;
- a witness who, at the relevant time, served as a Sergeant with the East Whiteland Township Police Department;
- an individual who, at the relevant time, served as a director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District;
- an individual who, at the relevant time, served as a sitting Octorara Area School District Board Director, and who was subsequently re-elected and currently serves as Board Vice President;

to the extent such interviews relate to investigative matters received from East Pikeland Township Police Department or East Whiteland Township Police Department.

This category includes:

- interview reports;
- interview summaries;
- investigative memoranda;
- investigator notes;
- supplemental reports;
- witness documentation;
- audio or video recordings of any such interview, to the extent such recordings exist.

Category 5A – Specific Recordings and Transcripts

This request specifically seeks:

(a) A copy of the audio recording of the investigative interview referenced above, concerning a matter that has since been resolved, to the extent such a recording exists and is not otherwise exempt from disclosure.

(b) A transcript, or in the absence of a transcript, the audio or video recording itself, relating to the matter that was the subject of an allegation under the Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 5701 et seq., concerning a matter that has since been closed.

If the Pennsylvania State Police declines to produce the recording or transcript requested in subsection (b) above on the basis of an active investigation, an exemption relating to criminal investigative materials, or any other statutory basis, I respectfully request written confirmation of the following limited factual matters:

- whether a recording responsive to subsection (b) exists;
- if such a recording exists, whether the investigative record reflects that the Board's Executive Session had concluded prior to the time the recording was made; and
- if such a recording exists, whether the investigative record identifies the location where the recording was made, including whether that location was a room within a public building accessible to the public, and whether the door to that room was open or closed at the time.

This request is limited to the discrete factual questions above. It does not seek investigative analysis, legal conclusions, or characterizations of any kind.

Category 5B – Witness Statements and Interview Scope

This request further seeks:

(a) Any written or sworn statement, complaint, or report provided to the Pennsylvania State Police in connection with the matter described in Category 5A(b) by:

- the individual who reported the matter;
- the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District; and
- any other individual who provided a statement to the Pennsylvania State Police in connection with that matter,

to the extent such statements exist.

(b) A list, log, or roster sufficient to identify all individuals interviewed by the Pennsylvania State Police in connection with the matter described in Category 5A(b), including the date of each interview, to the extent such a record exists.

(c) Any record documenting the basis relied upon by the Pennsylvania State Police, or by the reporting party, in characterizing the recording referenced in Category 5A(b) as it relates to the Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, including any record addressing the status of the Board's Executive Session, the location of the recording, or the individuals present, at the time the recording was made, to the extent such a record exists.

This request does not seek the identity of any individual not already identified in this request, and is not intended to require the Pennsylvania State Police to identify or characterize any witness who was not interviewed. It seeks only the existing documentary record described above.

Category 6 – Investigative Evidence Processing

Records documenting:

- review of submitted evidence;
- investigative evaluation;
- evidence inventories;
- evidence transfers;
- chain of custody;
- digital forensic referrals;
- requests for search warrants;
- supervisory review of evidence;
- investigative recommendations.

Category 7 – Investigative Database Activity

Records sufficient to identify investigative database queries, audit logs, investigative lookup records, or other records documenting investigative access to records concerning John Ryan Miller arising from investigative matters described in this request.

Category 8 – Investigative Disposition

Records documenting:

- the requester's underlying criminal matter; or
- the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District, including his potential testimony, participation, or cooperation as a witness in that matter.

This category includes emails, memoranda, referral letters, internal notes documenting verbal communications, and case assignment records reflecting the source of an investigative referral.

Category 12 – Communications with Octorara Area School District Concerning Interview Timing

Records documenting any communication between the Pennsylvania State Police and Octorara Area School District, or any representative thereof, concerning the individual identified in Category 5 as the director-level administrator, occurring between the date of the interview described in Category 5A(a) and thirty (30) days thereafter, to the extent such records exist.

This category seeks existing records only. It does not seek an agency determination, timeline, or analysis of any relationship between the interview and any subsequent employment action.

Clarification

This request seeks existing records maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police.

This request is intended to identify the documentary record maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police concerning investigative processing arising from investigative referrals and evidence received from East Pikeland Township Police Department and East Whiteland Township Police Department.

It is not intended to request records unrelated to those investigative matters or to require the creation of records or legal conclusions.

If any responsive records are withheld, I respectfully request identification of the specific statutory basis relied upon together with production of all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions.

If any portion of this request is considered insufficiently specific, I respectfully request identification of the portion requiring clarification so that it may be reasonably narrowed prior to denial.

Respectfully,

John Ryan Miller

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to correct a role description in my August 18, 2026 Right-to-Know request (Submission Record No. JRM-PSP3-2026-8-18-01).

In Category 5, one individual was described as "a director-level administrator with the Octorara Area School District." That description was inaccurate. The individual should instead be described as follows:

An individual who, at the relevant time, served as a sitting Octorara Area School District Board Director and, separately, as a Sergeant with the East Whiteland Township Police Department.

This correction applies wherever that individual is referenced in the request, including Categories 5, 5A, 5B, and 12.

I apologize for the inaccuracy and appreciate your attention to this correction. Please let me know if any further clarification would be helpful.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

John Ryan Miller

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