

Subject: RE: Public Records Requests - February 26, 2026
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 4:19:41 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Adelia Mercier
To: Matt
CC: Todd A. D'Albor, Jeff Simon
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Good afternoon,

In response to your public records request dated February 26, 2026, for any records, reports, memoranda, investigative documents, or correspondence created, received, or maintained by the New Iberia Police Department pertaining to allegations that Detective Coquina Mitchell falsified or provided inaccurate information in an affidavit or warrant application occurring in 2024 or 2025; as well as any correspondence, communications, or records exchanged between the New Iberia Police Department and the Office of the District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District and Office of Attorney General for the State of Louisiana concerning the aforementioned allegations and the completion of their investigation of said allegations, our agency is not able to release said images as said record(s) pertain to a pending criminal litigation that has not been adjudicated pursuant to La R.S. 44:3(A)(1).

Pursuant to the Public Records Law, R.S. 44:33.1(B) (See Act 256 of the 2019 Regular Session), information submitted to the City of New Iberia Police Department may become a public record. Should you have any questions or concerns, or should you not consider this an adequate response to your request, please advise. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

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Dear Records Custodian:

Pursuant to Article 12, Section 3 of the Louisiana State Constitution of 1974 and the Louisiana Public Records Law, R.S. § 44:1 et seq., I request that you, as the custodian of records please produce the following public records for my review.

Request No. 1:

Any records, reports, memoranda, investigative documents, or correspondence created, received, or maintained by the New Iberia Police Department pertaining to allegations that Detective Coquina Mitchell falsified or provided inaccurate information in an affidavit or warrant application occurring in 2024 or 2025.

· Request No. 2:

Any correspondence, communications, or records exchanged between the New Iberia Police Department and the Office of the District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District concerning the same allegations described in request number 1.

· Request No. 3:

Any correspondence, communications, or records exchanged between the New Iberia Police Department and the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana concerning the same allegations described in request number 1.

· Request No. 4:

Any correspondence, communications, or records received from the Office of the District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District indicating that they have completed their investigation into the same allegations described in request number 1.

· Request No. 5:

Any correspondence, communications, or records received from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana indicating that they have completed their investigation into the same allegations described in request number 1.

Please advise of any cost in advance of production and provide this information electronically by forwarding same to this e-mail address. We reserve any and all rights to inspect, copy and reproduce records at our own cost.

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