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Menard County Freedom of Information Officer
Menard County Courthouse
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**RE: ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST &
FORMAL EVIDENCE PRESERVATION DEMAND**

Dear FOIA Menard County Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/), I hereby request copies of the following public records maintained by, or accessible to, the Menard County Government and its information technology infrastructure:

1. **Local Network Allocation & Subnet Logs:** Any DHCP lease logs, server configuration files, local router logs, or network mapping records identifying the specific physical office space, county department, network switch port, or hardware device within the Menard County Courthouse network infrastructure utilizing or mapped to the Illinois Century Network (ICN) IP address **216.125.19.126**.
2. **Outbound Traffic Egress Tables:** All firewall traffic logs, proxy server logs, DNS query records, and gateway egress logs showing connections, HTTP/HTTPS web requests, or data packets routing through or from IP address **216.125.19.126** to the destination host domain **://lukeathomas.com** or its underlying destination server IP.
3. **Internal Office Browsing Metrics:** Any web browser history profiles, cache logs, or automated internet usage summaries tied to workstation profiles or state-issued devices assigned to the Menard County State's Attorney's Office that reflect outbound connections to the aforementioned destination address.

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TEMPORAL SCOPE OF REQUEST:

This request is strictly bound to systemic logging intervals captured on the following specific dates:

- **August 18, 2025**
- **November 10, 2025**
- **March 22, 2026**
- **May 18, 2026**
- **June 1, 2026**
- **June 14, 2026**
- **June 28, 2026**
- **July 1, 2026**

FORMAL NOTICE OF LITIGATION HOLD & EVIDENCE PRESERVATION DEMAND:

In addition to be matters of public concern for a variety of reasons, please also be advised that the network metrics requested above constitute critical operative evidence connected to an active federal civil rights matter in the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois: *Luke A. Thomas v. Holly J. Henze, et al.* (Civil Action No. 26-CV-02319).

By service of this demand, Menard County is hereby placed on formal notice to suspend all routine automated data-destruction, server log rotation, overwriting, or electronic storage scrubbing protocols affecting network traffic pools involving IP address **216.125.19.126** or any similar records and protocols for any other device assigned to the Menard County State's Attorney's Office for the dates listed.

Failure to halt the destruction of these logs following receipt of this notice may result in federal sanctions for the spoliation of evidence.

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE TIMELINE:

Per 5 ILCS 140/3, a response is required within five (5) business days. If any portion of these log files is redacted under cybersecurity exemptions, you are required to provide a detailed privilege index identifying the exact statutory exemption claimed alongside the specific administrative remedy for appeal.

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION TO AVOID DELAY

This request does not seek network architecture passwords, internal security vulnerabilities, or private personal metrics. It seeks high-level network data confirming the state-funded terminal source of an outbound link to a public internet address. If any portion of these log files is redacted under cybersecurity frameworks, please provide a detailed index of exemptions pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/9.

Sincerely,

By:



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