



SHERIFF DUSTIN D. HEUERMAN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Champaign County Sheriff's Office
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July 14, 2026

Samuel Grayson
sam@samgrayson.me

Dear Samuel Grayson,

Thank you for writing to the Champaign County Sheriff's Office with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On June 30, 2026, we received your request for the following records:

1. The most recent request by UIUC PD (also known as UIPD) to access CCSO's ALPR data pursuant to CCSO Policy 432.7.
2. The most recent request by Champaign PD to access CCSO's ALPR data pursuant to CCSO Policy 432.7.
3. The most recent request by Menasha WI PD to access CCSO's ALPR data pursuant to CCSO Policy 432.7.
4. The most recent request by Union County SD Sheriff to access CCSO's ALPR data pursuant to CCSO Policy 432.7.
5. The most recent declaration by Menasha WI PD regarding their use of CCSO ALPR data pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/2-130(c).
6. The most recent declaration by Union County SD Sheriff regarding their use of CCSO ALPR data pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/2-130(c).

Regarding items 1, 2, 3, and 4:

~~Your request has been denied at this time for the following reason(s):~~ _____
ALPR data would be exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(d-7) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which applies to "information gathered or records created from the use of automatic license plate readers in connection with Section 2-130 of the Illinois Vehicle Code." Section 2-130(d) of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/2-130(d)) states that "ALPR information shall be held confidentially to the fullest extent of the law." Because such information must be kept confidential under Section 2-130(d) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and because that statute provides no exception allowing an individual to obtain ALPR information pursuant to FOIA, any records responsive to that portion of your request are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(d-7) of FOIA.

Regarding items 5 and 6:

These are not things we possess. The agreement is a check box that agencies click when they sign up for / sign into the program. It goes away once they click on it and we do not have access to see it.

You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Illinois Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
public.access@ilag.gov
PAC hotline: 877-299-3642

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "BW", written in a cursive style.

Lt Brad Wakefield
Champaign County Sheriff's Office
Freedom of Information Officer
BW/sg

Sarah Goodwin

From: Samuel Grayson <sam@samgrayson.me>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2026 10:39 PM
To: Sheriff's Office FOIA
Subject: FOIA request

External email, be careful when opening.

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Please send all electronic records in their original electronic format. Please send all paper records as PDF.

This request is made in the public interest for government transparency, so please waive all applicable fees.

These items are narrower than and therefore not duplicates of my previous 2026-06-18 and 2026-04-06 FOIA requests. The narrowing is relevant because it addresses specific exemption reasons in those previous requests.

In order to avoid any concern of disclosing a secret investigative techniques or security measures, this request only identifies a small number of sharing partners of CCSO that are already publicly confirmed.

The names of officers making the request are not "ALPR information" for the purpose of 625 ILCS 5/2-130, i.e., "information gathered (1) by an ALPR or created from (2) the analysis of data generated by an ALPR". Even if other information is redacted or withheld, please leave clear the names of officers making the request.

rec'd 6/30
due 7/10 7:15

1. ALPRs are defined in the statute as "capable of recording data on or taking a photograph of a vehicle or its license plate and comparing the collected data and photographs to existing law enforcement databases". Neither capability could somehow *gather* the name of the Police Officer requesting the data.

2. According to CCSO Policy, the request to access ALPR data has to be submitted *prior* to analysis of that data, so it cannot be *created from* the analysis of data.

Please let me know when this FOIA request is received, and by when I may expect a response.

Sincerely,
Samuel Grayson



SHERIFF DUSTIN D. HEUERMAN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

204 E. Main Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801-2702
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June 10, 2026

Samuel Grayson
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Dear Samuel Grayson,

Thank you for writing to the Champaign County Sheriff's Office with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On 06/30/26, we received your request for the following:

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Under the Freedom of Information Act, a public body may extend the time to respond to a FOIA request by up to 5 business days for a limited number of reasons. 5 ILCS 140/3(e). We are extending the time to respond to your request by 5 business days for the following reason(s):

- ☐ We store the requested records in whole or in part at another location
- ☐ Responding to the request requires that we collect a substantial number of specified records
- ☐ The request is couched in categorical terms and requires that we conduct an extensive search for the records to respond to it.
- ☒ The requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are except from disclosure or should be disclosed with appropriate redactions.
- ☐ We cannot comply with the request for records within the 5 business day time limit without unduly burdening or interfering with our operations.

- ☐ There is a need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having substantial interest in the determination of the subject matter of the request. 5 ILCS 140/3(e).

The public body asserts the following facts in support of the above reason(s) for an extension of time:

- The requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if any/all of them are exempt from disclosure or should be disclosed with appropriate redactions.

We will respond to your request by 07/15/26.

Sincerely,



Lt Brad Wakefield
Champaign County Sheriff's Office
Freedom of Information Officer
BW/sg
