

January 27, 2022

Laura Dennis
Public Records Officer
Luzerne County Office of Law
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

RE: Public records order

Dear Ms. Dennis,

Pursuant to the state open records act, I request access to and copies of the following documents:

- 1) Any or all cases involving child sexual assault or abuse, and/or child prostitution that were referred to the Luzerne County Department of Children and Youth Services between the years 1967-1990.
- 2) Any or all referrals to or from the Pennsylvania State Police for incidents involving child abuse, incest, sexual assault or abuse, or prostitution in Wilkes-Barre, between the years of 1967-1990.
- 3) And or all referrals to or from the PA. Attorney General's office for incidents involving child abuse, incest, sexual assault or abuse, or prostitution in Wilkes-Barre, between the years of 1967-1990.
- 4) And or all referrals to or from the Federal Bureau of Investigations for incidents involving child abuse, incest, sexual assault or abuse, or prostitution in Wilkes-Barre, between the years of 1967-1990.

Please provide these files electronically, if possible. I appreciate your help tracking down these files, and agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this order.

If my order is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Janelle Nanos
Reporter
Boston Globe
51 Waldeck Street #2
Dorchester, Ma. 02124
631-220-7403



Right-To-Know Response Form

February 14, 2022

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Dorchester, MA 02124
Via email only to: Janelle.nanos@globe.com

RTK REQUEST #2022-012

Dear Ms. Nanos:

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right- To-Know law ("RTKL").

Recently, the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents from you described in the attached Right To Know request. Your request is denied because Luzerne County does not maintain these documents. §705 of the RTKL states that "when responding to a request for access, an agency shall not be required to create a record which does not currently exist or to compile, maintain, format or organize a record in a manner in which the agency does not currently compile, maintain, format or organize the record".

Please note that we have conducted a thorough search of our records, but unfortunately they do not back as far as you have requested.

You have a right to appeal this denial of information in writing to Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Section 1101. If you have further questions, please contact Laura C. Dennis. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Respectfully,

Laura C. Dennis, Esq.
Luzerne County
Open Records Officer
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711