

## Re: Iowa Open Records Request

From vickiw@newtongov.org <vickiw@newtongov.org>  
To Michael Merritt <cipher.hunter@cipherphoenix.com>  
Date Friday, August 4th, 2023 at 10:12 PM

Michael,

Thank you for your service and sacrifice to our country. My family is deeply involved in military service, and I want you to know I read your messages and recognize your frustration.

Although I can't speak to what you have experienced when requesting documentation over the past few months from the different offices and individuals you have contacted, most municipal staff have full work days, affecting their ability to quickly respond to tasks/requests, and there are several considerations when any request is received.

Thank you for caring about community and your attention to process. I too get frustrated at times with government, bureaucracy and the limitations of those systems.

Do you have a contact at a local church or the VA to reach out to as you are working through this? I've included below a link to the Iowa VA Crisis Line. It's important to me and to many others that you talk with someone.

With care,

Vicki



Veterans Crisis Line  
[veteranscrisisline.net](http://veteranscrisisline.net)

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On Aug 4, 2023, at 7:51 PM, Michael Merritt <cipher.hunter@cipherphoenix.com> wrote:

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I am done. The last email I sent please disregard it. I am done. The one thing Jasper County, IA has taught me is that those in positions authority can walk all over the law even after county attorney's office was directed to never

have someone contact me because he produced evidence of violating the law while harassing me with false criminal allegations which you have done nothing about. I went to the VA for 6 weeks and was diagnosed with PTSD from all of the false allegations of criminal conduct I have endured by malicious people and I come back home and I am getting contacted by the same person I asked Jasper County, IA in a legal notice that I don't want to be contacted by Ryan Eaton anymore.

I am going to take my medication and I am going to lay down and calm down. I contacted the Jasper County, IA Sheriffs office about it and two dispatchers did nothing and hung up on me while refusing to give me the dispatchers operator number that hung up on me the first time. I called the Grinnell IA Police department and I appreciate the officers that were there for me.

I am done. One thing you all have taught me is that if I were found dead in a bedroom. It wouldnt matter to no one. Why would it not matter to no one because I came to you all for help and you were all completely fine concealing public records showing how you failed to protect me followed by falsely accusing me of crimes to intimidate me during an IPIB case.

I now understand that my life has no value to all of you. Because I was not important enough to be provided the same rights and liberties I defended for twenty years.

Sheriff Halferty thank you for being there for me.

Thank you Grinnell PD for being there for me.

What Jasper County, IA have shown me is that my life doesn't matter. My life has no value. You are completely fine concealling public records from me falsely accusing me of crimes, but when I show you evidence of my rights being violated you do nothing and then conceal records documenting it.

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