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September 4, 2025

Molly Sweeney
WCIA
509 S. Neil Street
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Re: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

You submitted a request by email dated September 3, 2025 for the following information:

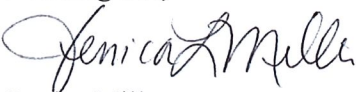
“Footage from the Pana School bus which caught fire on Friday. We request all available footage from the bus beginning at 10:30 p.m. Friday.”

Response: There are no records responsive to your request, as all bus video recordings were destroyed in the fire on the bus on Friday, August 29. Moreover, if such recordings had not been destroyed, they would be exempt from disclosure under FOIA as their disclosure is “specifically prohibited... by State law...” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a); 720 ILCS 5/14-3(m).

You are hereby notified, pursuant to Section 9(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9(a), that this decision was made by Jessica Miller, FOIA Officer, and that you have a right to review by the Public Access Counselor:

Ms. Leah Bartelt, Public Access Counselor
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Best Regards,



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