

9 May 2015

Larry Gerwig, sheriff  
Gilmer County Sheriff's Department  
10 Howard St.  
Glennville, WV 26351

Dear Sheriff Gerwig:

Pursuant to the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act (W. Va. Code 29B-1-1, et. seq.), I request access to the following documents:

- I. The completed report filed by Deputy Michael Wheeler into the circumstances surrounding the death of Willard Cottrill (d. Oct. 20, 2010).
- II. The completed reports of all previous homicide investigations conducted by Deputy Wheeler.
- III. All post-Academy homicide training taken by Deputy Wheeler since joining GCSD.

As required by the Act, I expect your response within five business days. If you chose to deny all or part of my request, please cite the specific part of the Code for your denial.

The only fee I agree to pay in conjunction with this request is a "reasonable" one to reproduce the documents. I agree to pay that **AFTER** the documents have been made available for public inspection **AND** the electronic devices I bring with me to make my own reproductions fail to operate.

Once the information is ready, I can be contacted at one of the addresses or telephone number below. I thank you, Sheriff Gerwig, for taking the time to field my request, and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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