



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Tate Reeves
Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

July 22, 2026

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Re: Request for Disclosure of Public Records to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources – MP2607-0016 – Nolan Wells

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I am in receipt of your payment in the amount of \$50.00 for the processing of the records request that you submitted on or about July 10, 2026. Please be advised that I will be returning your check to you to the above address.

Previously, the MDMR inadvertently released records in relation to this matter. Subsequent to this inadvertent disclosure of records, the MDMR was notified by the Jackson County District Attorney that there is an ongoing death investigation of Nolan Wells which will be presented to a Jackson County Grand Jury and therefore, the records in the possession of the MDMR relating to this matter "are exempt from public disclosure." See July 20, 2026, correspondence from District Attorney Angel Myers McIlreath to MDRM Executive Director Gen. Spraggins, attached hereto.

Therefore, based on the assertion of privilege by and the instructions of District Attorney McIlreath, the MDMR is withholding production of the requested records at this time.

If anything, further is needed, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Enclosure(s)

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