OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
2026 FOIA 079127

Dear Mr. Allababidi:

Thank you for writing to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General with your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq*.).

In an e-mail received on July 27, 2026, you requested the following:

This request is limited to **July 11 through July 26, 2026**. It is deliberately nonoverlapping with the April 1-July 10 date range being processed under **2026 FOIA 079012**.

Custodians

Please search records maintained by or for:

- Assistant Attorney General Monica Chou;
- personnel assisting her in the General Law Bureau;
- supervisors or litigation-support personnel who received or transmitted responsive external communications; and
- shared mailboxes, document-routing systems, calendars, Teams accounts, and message-trace systems used oy those custodians.

External correspondents

The request is limited to communications with:

- the Lake County State's Attorney's Office;
- Nicholas Shepherd;
- any sender or recipient using an @lakecountyil.gov address;
- the Lake County Sheriff;
- the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County;
- the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Adult Probation Services; or
- a representative acting on behalf of one of those entities.

Subject-matter limitation

A record is responsive only if it concerns one or more of the following:

- Ehab Allababidi;
- Allababidi v. Gjannoulias, No. 2026CH01421;
- People v. Allababidi, No. 23 CF 1146;
- Warrant No. 31°4270;
- State Warrant No. W26F4152;
- Allababidi v. Juhkin, No. 1:26-cv-01077;
- Allababidi v. Sr.epherd, No. 1 :26-cv-06738;
- the May 28, 20:~6 warrant;
- warrant status, execution, pickup, transport, recall, quash, stay, service, or location;
- litigation coordination involving Lake County; or
- the exchange, request, receipt, verification, or use of Lake County records in the Cook County administrative-review litigation.

Records requested

Please produce:

1. external emails and their attachments;
2. Microsoft Teams or other authorized electronic messages with external participants;

3. calendar invitations, meeting records, conference records, and attendee lists;
4. telephone or conference-call records sufficient to identify the date, time, participants, and duration of contact;
5. email headers, message traces, forwarding and routing histories, read or delivery records, and attachment metadata;
6. records sufficient to identify any Lake County document, factual assertion, warrant information, or case material requested, supplied, received, reviewed, or transmitted; and
7. records sufficient to show the date, sender, recipient, record type, general subject, and disposition of any responsive communication whose substantive content is withheld.

Exclusions and narrowing

This request does not seek:

- internal legal analysis or attorney work product;
- communications solely among OAG personnel;
- public docket filings standing alone;
- duplicates of emails sent by me simultaneously to both OAG and Lake County, unless the email was later forwarded, discussed, answered, or used in a separate external communication;
- another copy of the certified administrative record; or
- records already produced under F079012.

(Bold in original.)

In an e-mail sent to you July 27, 2026, we stated the following:

Could you confirm whether the below email is intended to be a new FOIA request? Or are you attempting to narrow 2026 FOIA 079012? Please advise.

In an e-mail received on July 27, 2026, you stated the following:

Thank you for confirming how the Office should classify the submission.

Please treat the July 25, 2026 submission as a **new and separate noncommercial FOIA request**. It is **not** a narrowing, amendment, supplement, replacement, or modification of 2026 FOIA 079012.

The word "narrow" in my submission described only the limited subject matter and date range of the new request. It was not intended to alter the scope or status of 2026 FOIA 079012.

Accordingly, please:

1. assign the July 25 submission a separate FOIA tracking number;
2. process it independently under its stated scope and date range; and
3. leave 2026 FOIA 079012 unchanged and pending under its existing operative scope.

Please confirm the new tracking number and the date on which the Office considers the new request received. (Bold in original.)

Please be advised that this office has conducted a search of its records, and we have located no records responsive to your request.

Very truly yours,

ELIZABETH J. PTACEK
Assistant Attorney General
FOIA Officer

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