

## Re: Missouri Sunshine Law Records Request: ALPR & Flock Safety Infrastructure (City of Lawson)

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From Midwest Transparency Audit <mwtransparency.audit@proton.me>  
To Tara Watson <twatson@lawsonmopd.gov>  
CC Rhonda Oulman <roulman@lawsonmo.gov>, Bruce Summa <bsumma@lawsonmopd.gov>  
Date Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026 at 4:11 PM

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Dear Ms. Watson,

Thank you for the prompt clarification and for **confirming in writing for public record** that the system was never implemented and that no further records exist.

This satisfies all parts of my Sunshine Law request. You may consider this records request officially closed. I appreciate your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Managing Member

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On Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026 at 3:34 PM, Tara Watson <[twatson@lawsonmopd.gov](mailto:twatson@lawsonmopd.gov)> wrote:

I understand that you're wanting more documentation, but this is literally all we have. We have not implemented or utilized Flock at all. The MOU was our introduction, and there was no forward movement on it from that point.

Item 2: No such documents exist.

Item 3: No such documents exist.

Item 4: No such documents exist.

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**From:** Midwest Transparency Audit <[mwtransparency.audit@proton.me](mailto:mwtransparency.audit@proton.me)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2026 3:08 PM

**To:** Tara Watson <[twatson@lawsonmopd.gov](mailto:twatson@lawsonmopd.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: Missouri Sunshine Law Records Request: ALPR & Flock Safety Infrastructure (City of Lawson)

Dear Ms. Watson,

Thank you for the prompt response and for providing the Flock Software Evaluation MOU.

I am following up because the response appears to be incomplete. While the MOU satisfies Item #1 of my original request, no records were provided—nor were statutory exemptions cited for closure—regarding Items #2, #3, and #4.

Specifically, the MOU indicates Lawson PD engaged in a 90-day trial of the "FlockOS Essentials Tier" starting on April 22, 2026. This granted officers access to real-time hotlists and nationwide data. Regarding **Item #4**, were there no internal policies, standard operating procedures (SOPs), data-retention schedules, or training directives governing how officers utilized this system or verified system hits during the trial? If the department operated the system without formal guidelines and no such records exist, please explicitly confirm this in writing.

Additionally, the MOU notes that the department's access automatically downgraded to the "Community Tier" upon the trial's expiration on July 21, 2026. This tier relies on integration with local private cameras (e.g., HOAs, local businesses). Regarding **Item #3**, please provide any agreements or documentation governing access to these private systems, or confirm if no such records exist.

As a reminder, pursuant to § 610.023.3, RSMo, if any responsive records for these remaining items exist but are being withheld, you are required to provide a written statement citing the specific statutory exemption authorizing the closure. If no responsive records exist, please confirm that fact so I may close out those portions of the request.

Thank you again for your time and continued assistance.

Sincerely,

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On Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026 at 12:53 PM, Tara Watson <[twatson@lawsonmopd.gov](mailto:twatson@lawsonmopd.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon. We have one document regarding this. It is an MOU for us to look at and review the system. I have attached it here.

Thank you,

Tara Watson  
Lawson Police Department

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**From:** Midwest Transparency Audit <[mwtransparency.audit@proton.me](mailto:mwtransparency.audit@proton.me)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2026 11:01 AM  
**To:** Tara Watson <[twatson@lawsonmopd.gov](mailto:twatson@lawsonmopd.gov)>  
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Dear Custodian of Records,

Pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610, RSMo, I hereby request access to and copies of the following public records maintained by, or under the custody of, the City of Lawson and the Lawson Police Department:

- 1. Contracts and Financials:** Any and all current or past contracts, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), service agreements, financial invoices, or subscription agreements between the City of Lawson/Lawson Police Department and Flock Group Inc. (dba Flock Safety).
- 2. Data-Sharing Inter-Agency Agreements:** Any documents, electronic agreements, or "Hotlist" sharing records detailing data access, query capabilities, or network integrations with external law enforcement agencies (including neighboring county sheriffs, state agencies, federal agencies or regional task forces) via the Flock Safety Cloud platform.
- 3. Private/Commercial Surveillance Agreements:** Any records of agreement or standard operating frameworks detailing the Department's access to private Flock Safety cameras deployed by local businesses, commercial properties, or homeowners associations (HOAs) within the city limits.
- 4. Internal Usage Policies & Audit Frameworks:** All internal department policies, data-retention schedules, training materials, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and user auditing mandates governing how officers use Flock Safety tools or automated license plate readers.

Per § 610.023.3, RSMo, you are required to act upon this request as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the third business day following the date this request is received. If access to any portion of these records is denied, please provide a written statement citing the specific statutory exemption authorizing the closure of the record.

Pursuant to § 610.026, RSMo, and the Missouri Supreme Court's ruling in *Gross v. Parson*, please note that public agencies are strictly prohibited from charging requesters for internal attorney review, legal evaluation, or redaction time. I request that these records be provided digitally via email or a secure download link to minimize processing and copying expenses.

If fees are not waived and will exceed \$25.00, please provide a binding, itemized cost estimate before compiling the records.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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