



Urgent IPRA Records & Preservation Request – Sexual Assault Incident 2026-10128

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Calandra,

To absolutely no one's surprise, it has now been **another full week without answers**, despite the number of people at MCSO who know this case involves a transient foreign national who has already left **Gallup**. I live over a thousand miles away. That does not mean I can be kept in the dark indefinitely.

At this point, I need direct answers to three very simple issues.

1. Sgt. Savannah Benally's records/body-worn camera

CAD shows Sgt. Savannah Benally was out with Deputy Bittony for approximately **41 minutes**.

I was previously told there was no BWC footage. A week ago, I was also told there was nothing supplemental. Chief Deputy Eric Jim then told me on **Monday, August 17** that MCSO would search its records and get back to me.

Either responsive records **exist or they do not**.

Please provide any BWC footage, supplemental report, notes, recordings, or other records associated with Sgt. Benally's involvement. If none exist, please state that plainly.

2. Identification of the persons responsible for the redaction/denial

Again, I understand that MCSO may claim a legal basis to withhold or redact particular information.

That does not eliminate the requirements governing a denial.

Under **NMSA § 14-2-11(B)(2)**, the written denial must identify **"the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial."**

Please provide the name and title or position of each person responsible for that denial.

3. When was Incident 2026-10128 actually sent to the District Attorney?

The timeline I have now been given is irreconcilable:

- **August 14:** Lisa at the District Attorney's Office told me they had no record of the matter.
- **August 17:** Leora indicated that the DA's Office had it.
- I have since been told that the matter was actually received by the DA's Office on **August 3.**

Meanwhile, MCSO previously told me in writing:

"Your case has been sent to the District Attorney's Office; they will be handling your case for future..."

So I am asking for the record, not another characterization of what happened.

Was Incident 2026-10128 actually transmitted to the District Attorney's Office?

If yes, please provide:

- the **date and time** it was transmitted;
- **who transmitted it;**
- the **method of transmission;**
- the **recipient;** and
- any record documenting that transmission or receipt, including a transmittal email, referral form, submission confirmation, receipt, audit log, or case-management entry.

If the District Attorney's Office actually received it on **August 3**, please explain why its staff reported on **August 14** that there was no intake, case log, referral, or other record of the matter.

If it was **not** transmitted when MCSO represented to me that it had been, please explain why I was told in writing that it had been sent and that the District Attorney's Office would be handling my case going forward.

If the referral was merely pending or in an intake process, please identify **when MCSO first transmitted it and when the DA actually received it.**

Chief Deputy Jim told me on Monday that MCSO would search its records and contact the District Attorney's Office. It is now **Friday, August 21**, and I am still waiting for that promised clarification.

Please answer each of the three numbered issues above directly.

Thank you,

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