

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

OFFICER JOHN DOE, *et al.* :

Plaintiff :

vs. :

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, :

MARYLAND :

Defendant :

and :

ALEXA RENEHAN, *et al.* :

Intervenor Defendants. :

Case No.: C-15-CV-22-002523

DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ORDER

For the reasons stated in the Opinion and Order dated March 30, 2026, and entered contemporaneously with this Declaratory Judgment Order, the Court issues this Order, declaring the rights of the parties.¹

WHEREFORE, on this 30th day of March, 2026, the Court declares the rights of the parties:

1. The MPIA does not expressly authorize the action brought by Doe and the FOP and implying the right to that cause of action is inconsistent with the MPIA’s provisions and the policy choices made by the General Assembly in enacting Anton’s Law.

¹ The individual parties will be referred to by their last names. Plaintiff Fraternal Order of Police, Montgomery County, Lodge 35, Inc will be referred to as the “FOP.” Defendant Montgomery County will be referred to as the “County.” Intervenor-Defendant Maryland Coalition for Justice and Police Accountability will be referred to as the “Coalition.” The Montgomery County Police Department will be referred to as the “MCPD.” The Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 will be referred to as “Anton’s Law.” The Maryland Public Information Act will be referred to as the “MPIA.” The 2022 Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the FOP will be referred to as the “MOA.”

2. The records the County intends to produce do not contain any information that is subject to mandatory denial, and the County is permitted to produce them.
3. Despite Doe's and the FOP's arguments to the contrary, MPIA §§ 4-103(b), 4-301(a)(1), 4-351(b)(4), and 4-329(b)(1) do not preclude the County from producing the requested records.
4. Anton's Law does not violate police officers' due process rights.
5. Anton's Law does not violate police officers' right to equal protection of the law.
6. Anton's Law applies prospectively to all requests made after its effective date, regardless of when the record was created.
7. Anton's Law does not abrogate a vested right.
8. The MOA violates the MPIA and is invalid.


Judge J. Bradford McCullough

Entered: Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, MD
April 3, 2026