

2024 FOIA REQUESTS

DATE of REQUEST:	FILE NUMBER:	REQUESTED BY:	INFORMATION REQUESTED:	RESPONSE:
			<u>#1</u>	
12-Jan-2024	24-0001	Deborah Poling Scott Cherokee Citizen	Request for demographic information about At-Large Cherokee Nation citizens living in Tulsa County to include ages, gender, veteran status, and zip codes of residence (if possible)	In response to the request; Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104 provides: "A request to inspect or copy a public record submitted under this Chapter must reasonably describe the records being requested. No provision of this Chapter requires a public body to create or compile new records or to create explanatory material in response to a request." Accordingly, though the FOIA provides a mechanism for Cherokee citizens to request access to existing records of a public body, subject to certain exemptions, it does not impose an obligation on a public body to conduct research, create new records, or compile information in response to a request for records. Therefore, the Nation is not obligated to undertake the creation of new records or to conduct research or analysis to generate information in response to your request. The response was sent via email.
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1/18/2024	24-0002	Kylee Martinez Cherokee Citizen	Request for the deputy card and file for Skylar Sellers, all information and records relating to the date that Skylar Sellers was deputized as a Cherokee Marshal, underwent training as a Cherokee Marshal, any information relating to the tribe approving Skylar Sellers asserting the defense that he was acting under tribal authority when shooting Anthony Martinez, a roster of all individuals deputized or cross deputized as Cherokee Marshal's on June 29, 2021.	In response to the request; a copy of the Addendum to the Cross-Deputation Agreement between the Adair County Sheriff and Board of County Commissioners and the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service ("CNMS"), along with information pertaining to the Cross Deputation of Skylar Sellers with the CNMS, and his Authorization to Carry a Firearm were provided to Ms. Martinez. Further, after a careful review of the additional information requested and an assessment of relevant exemptions, we have determined that the information in questions falls under the following exemptions: Pursuant to 67 C.N.C.A. §104, "[a] request to inspect or copy a public record submitted under this Chapter must reasonably describe the records being requested. No provision of this Chapter requires a public body to create or compile new records or to create explanatory material in response to a request." Accordingly, though the FOIA provides a mechanism for Cherokee citizens to request access to existing records of a public body, subject to certain exemptions, it does not impose an obligation on a public body to conduct research, create new records, or compile information in response to a request for records. Therefore, the Nation is not obligated to undertake the creation of new records or to conduct research or analysis to generate information in response to your request. The response was sent via email.
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1/26/2024	24-0003	Dan Latu Non-Cherokee Citizen	Request for all records related to the March 15, 2023 arrest of DMW. All records related to the Protective Order issued against DMW in February 2023.	In response to the request; it has come to our attention that you are not a Cherokee Nation citizen, therefore, we are unable to respond to your FOIA request pursuant to Title 67 CNCA §104(A), which states in part: "[a]ny Cherokee Nation citizen has a right to inspect or copy any public record of a public body...". The response was sent via email.
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1/30/2024	24-0004	Christopher Thomas	Request for all body worn camera footage from all officers on scene total of 2 and all dash cam footage from all officers on scene total of 2. All radio traffic 5 minutes before and 5 minutes after jailing. All officers personnel notes pertaining to this incident and all footage from officers personnel cell phones as well. Case No CF-23-3874.	In response; the request was denied due to the inability to confirm Mr. Thomas's enrollment status as a Cherokee Nation citizen as the citizenship number provided does not belong to Mr. Thomas. Therefore we are unable to respond to the FOIA request pursuant to Title 67 CNCA §104(A), which states in part: "[a]ny Cherokee Nation citizen has a right to inspect or copy any public record of a public body...". Mr. Thomas is welcome to re-submit his FOIA request with his citizenship number. The response was sent via email.

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2/7/2024	24-0005	Christopher Thomas Cherokee Citizen	Request for all body worn camera footage of a responding officers on scene a total of two. Also requesting all dash cam footage from all responding officers on scene a total of two. Also all radio traffic five minutes before and during ending five minutes after suspect was jailed in regards to this incident. All personal police cell media collected on scene. All personal notes taken from all officers pertaining to incident.	The request was withdrawn and resubmitted due to lack of specific information in request.
			<u>#6</u>	
2/12/2024	24-0006	Derrick Ross Cherokee Citizen	Request for all and any information to the purchase and cost of the building at address 3227 S Muskogee Ave #5405, Tahlequah, OK 74464, formally known as Means Furniture.	In response to the request; Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104 provides: "A request to inspect or copy a public record submitted under this Chapter must reasonably describe the records being requested." Your request seeking "all and any information to the purchase and cost of the building..." does not comply with the requirements of the FOIA. The response was sent via email.
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2/12/2024	24-0007	Derrick Ross Cherokee Citizen	Request for all and any information to the purchase and cost of the building at address 7 W Division ST, Stilwell, OK 74960 formally known as "Rowans Restaurant be made available to me for inspection and by the citizens of the Cherokee Nation.	In response to the request; Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104 provides: "A request to inspect or copy a public record submitted under this Chapter must reasonably describe the records being requested." Your request seeking "all and any information to the purchase and cost of the building..." does not comply with the requirements of the FOIA. The response was sent via email.
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2/20/2024	24-0008	Christopher Thomas Cherokee Citizen	Request for all body worn cameral footage of all responding officers on scene a total of two. Also requesting all dash cam footage from all responding officers on scene a total of two. Also all radio traffic five minutes before and during ending five minutes after suspect was jailed in regards to case CF-23-3874.	In response to the request, the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service has reviewed their records and no documents exist pertaining to case CF-23-3874. The response was sent via email.
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3/4/2024	24-0009	Cole McLain Non-Cherokee Citizen	Request for police report for incident number 2023-13697.	In response to the request; it has come to our attention that you are not a Cherokee Nation citizen, therefore, we are unable to respond to your FOIA request pursuant to Title 67 CNCA §104(A), which states in part: "[a]ny Cherokee Nation citizen has a right to inspect or copy any public record of a public body...". The response was sent via email.
			<u>#10</u>	
3/23/2024	24-0010	Jami Murphy Cherokee Citizen	Request for the number of citizens on the rolls for the Cherokee Nation or citizens that are documented as citizens within the Cherokee Nation in each district (excluding the at large district) as of December 31, 2023.	In response to the request, a copy of the 2025 Council Districts map was provided to Ms. Murphy. The response was sent via email.

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3/28/2024	24-0011	Jamee Suarez	Request access to and copies of all records including incident reports, statements, bodycam video, photos, and/or video related to a large cockfight located near Stilwell, OK that was reported to the Adair County Sheriff's Dept. and the Cherokee Nation on Saturday, February 3, 2024.	In response to the request; Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104 provides in part: "[a]ny Cherokee Nation citizen has a right to inspect or copy any public record of a public body..." (Emphasis added). Your recent FOIA request failed to include sufficient evidence to confirm your enrollment status as a Cherokee Nation citizen. Therefore, we are unable to respond to your request. The response was sent via email.
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4/2/2024	24-0012	Chad Smith Cherokee Citizen	Request for the following information for the period of January 1, 2019 to present, for each vehicle assigned to or predominantly used by Principal Chief Hoskin and any other elected officer of the Cherokee Nation: Manufacturer's Statement of Origin; Bill of Sale; Method of payment; Registration; Purchase Order/Request; emails from to or from the Cherokee Nation to Cherokee Nation Businesses requesting use of a vehicle, specifications, arrival, transfer of use of the vehicle; vehicle insurance, budget sheet showing appropriateion of the expense of the vehicle and the Monrony Sticker.	In response to the request; in addition to other applicable exemptions, 67 C.N.C.A. §104 provides: "A request to inspect or copy a public record submitted under this Chapter must reasonably describe the records being requested." Your request seeing certain information "for each vehicle assigned to or predominantly used by Principal Chief Hoskin and any other elected officer of the Cherokee Nation" fails to reasonably describe a record. Therefore, we are unable to respond to your request. The response was sent via email.
			<u>#13</u>	
4/2/2024	24-0013	Chad Smith Cherokee Citizen	Request for copies of complaints and requests for investigations submitted to the Cheokee Election Commission for the last four general elections and the Election Commission or Attorney General's disposition or response to each.	In response to the request; Title 67 C.N.C.A. §105 exempts certain matters from disclosure. Specifically, 67 C.N.C.A. §105(A)(14) exempts: "Documents otherwise publicly available or previously provided." Your request for "copies of complaints and requests for investigations submitted to the Cherokee Election Commission for the last four general elections and the Election Commission or Attorney General's Disposition or response to each" seeks information otherwise publicly available, therefore it is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. The response was sent via email.
			<u>#14</u>	
4/2/2024	24-0014	Chad Smith Cherokee Citizen	Request for information and documents for the Principal Chief's residence located at 17660 S. Muskogee, Tahlequah, OK designated as the principal Chief's Residence by Executive Order 2019-01 BJB for the period since 2017. Request copies of information in the following 3 categories: (1) Work orders, receipts for materials, labor reports, budget reports, contracts for the repair, source of payment (cancelled checks, credit card statement) for remodeling, improvements or renovations including fencing interior repair; (2) Work orders receipts for materials, labor reports, budget reports, contracts, source of payment (cancelled checks, credit card statement) for furniture and furnishings; and (3) Emails to and from contractors, subcontractors, Cherokee Nation or Cherokee Nation Business regarding the remodeling, improvements or renovations.	In response to the request; in addition to other applicable exemptions, 67 C.N.C.A. §105 exempts certain matters from disclosure. Specifically, 67 C.N.C.A. §105(B) exempts: "information that may unreasonably interfere with the Cherokee Nation's interests in litigation or potential litigation..." Your request seeks information that is the subject of pending litigation against the Nation in the Cherokee Nation District Court. Therefore, the information you seek is exempt from disclosure. The response was sent via email.

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4/2/2024	24-0015	Kelli Minson Cherokee Citizen	Request for marshal report (police report) for Case #CM-23-2440 filed 8/11/2023 Cherokee Nation Court Clerk.	In response to the request; after a thorough search of its records, based on the information provided in the request, the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service was unable to locate records responsive to the request. The response was sent via email.
			<u>#16</u>	
4/14/2024	24-0016	Derrick Ross Cherokee Citizen	Request for the following information: title deed, purchase agreement, bill of sale, disclosure statement, and appraisal of property purchased by Cherokee Nation , address 7 W Division St, Stilwell, OK, formerly known as "Rowans Restaurant".	The warranty deed for the property was provided in response to the request. The remaining records identified in the request are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 67 C.N.C.A. §§ 104(A); 105(A)(1); and 105(A)(5)(a)-(c). The response was sent via email.
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4/14/2024	24-0017	Derrick Ross Cherokee Citizen	Request for the following information: title deed, purchase agreement, bill of sale, disclosure statement, and appraisal of property purchased by Cherokee Nation , address 3227 S Muskogee Ave #5405, Tahlequah, OK, formerly known as "Means Furniture".	The warranty deed for the property was provided in response to the request. The remaining records identified in the request are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 67 C.N.C.A. §§ 104(A); 105(A)(1); and 105(A)(5)(a)-(c). The response was sent via email.
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4/14/2024	24-0018	Derrick Ross Cherokee Citizen	Request for the number of properties owned by Cherokee Nation that are not in operation, vacant, or not being used by Cherokee Nation business, hospitality, health care, or any Cherokee Nation services and/or entity provided to the Cherokee Nation citizens or the public.	In response to the request, Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104 provides: "A request to inspect or copy a public record submitted under this Chapter must reasonably describe the records being requested. No provision of this Chapter requires a public body to create or compile new records or to create explanatory material in response to a request." Your request seeking "the number of properties owned by Cherokee Nation that are not in operations, vacant, or not being used by Cherokee Nation business, hospitality, health care, or any Cherokee Nation services and/or entity provided to te Cherokee Nation citizens or the public...." does not comply with the requirements of the FOIA. The response was sent via email.
			<u>#19</u>	
4/14/2024	24-0019	Derrick Ross Cherokee Citizen	Request for the following information: title deed, purchase agreement, bill of sale, disclosure statement, and appraisal of property purchased by Cherokee Nation , address 610 N 2nd St, Stilwell, OK, formerly known as "Stilwell IGA Warehouse Market, Inc.".	The warranty deed for the property was provided in response to the request. The remaining records identified in the request are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 67 C.N.C.A. §§ 104(A); 105(A)(1); and 105(A)(5)(a)-(c). The response was sent via email.

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4/16/2024	24-0020	Regina Corley Cherokee Citizen	2021-0061452 DC reportedly gave alcohol and made a lewd comment to a minor. Requestor is the mother of both parties. The Cherokee Nation made an affidavit and arrest warrant then suddenly dropped the case. Why did the tribe suddenly drop the case? It would help the requestor to better understand what happend.	In response to the request; Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104 provides: "A request to inspect or copy a public record submitted under this Chapter must reasonably describe the records being requested. No provision of this Chapter requires a public body to create or compile new records or to create explanatory material in response to a request." Accordingly, though the FOIA provides a mechanism for Cherokee citizens to request access to existing records of a public body, the information you have requested pertaining to the prosecutorial decision is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104(3), which states in part: "[r]ecords of law enforcement and public safety agencies not otherwise available by law that were compiled in the process of detecting and investigating crime...". The response was sent via email.
			<u>#21</u>	
5/9/2024	24-0021	Rick Thomas Non-Cherokee Citizen	Request for records for Indian lineal ancestors, a new card and information about IMM account.	In response to the request; we have searched our records and it has come to our attention that you are not a Cherokee Nation citizen, therefore, we are unable to respond to your FOIA request pursuant to Title 67 C.N.C.A. §104(A), which states in part: "[a]ny Cherokee Nation citizen has a right to inspect or copy any public record of a public body...". However, you may contact the Cherokee Nation Registration Department at the following website and email. They should be able to assist you with your inquiry. Website: Cherokee.org Cherokee Nation Tribal Registration; Email: registration@cherokee.org. The response was sent via email.
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5/13/2024	24-0022	Jamee Suarez Cherokee Citizen	Request for 24-0011-Incident reports.	In response to the request; we are unable to accept the request as submitted as it refers to the previous FOIA request, which has been responded to and is now closed. A new FOIA request form will need to be submitted in order to process the request. The response was sent via email.
			<u>#23</u>	
5/15/2024	24-0023	Cara Cowan Watts Cherokee Citizen	Request a copy of each map and corresponding kmz files for every map presented to the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council by Cherokee Nation Attorney General Chad Harsha, any of his representatives, or anyone on Tribal Council or presenting to Tribal Council for redistricting consideration in 2023 and 2024 impacting the upcoming 2025 Tribal Council elections.	In response to the request; the draft maps used for redistricting consideration were provided to Mrs. Cowan Watts. The response was sent via email.
			<u>#24</u>	
5/28/2024	24-0024	Jamee Suarez Cherokee Citizen	Request access to and copies of all records including incident reports, statements, bodycam video, photos, and/or video related to a large cockfight located near Stilwell, OK that was reported to the Adair County Sheriff's Dept. and the Cherokee Nation on Saturday, February 3, 2024.	

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2024 FOIA/GRA TOTALS (as of July 10, 2024): 24