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Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr., Clerk of Courts
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RE: Public records request — returned search warrants and supporting affidavits of Trooper [REDACTED] (Dec. 22, 2025), related to Commonwealth v. Patrick Gordon, Essex Superior Court No. 2677CR00083

Dear Clerk Driscoll:

I am writing to formally request, in writing and on the record, access to and copies of the returned search-warrant materials described below. I am submitting this request in writing so that the court's response is likewise documented.

Records requested

The complete search-warrant files — each warrant, the application, the supporting affidavit, and the return/inventory — for the three search warrants sought by Trooper [REDACTED] of the Massachusetts State Police, applied for and granted on Monday, December 22, 2025, and authorized by the Honorable Associate Justice [REDACTED] of the Essex County Superior Court, for:

- 1 [REDACTED] Salem, MA;
- 2 the person of Patrick Gordon; and
- 3 a 2018 Subaru Legacy, MA Reg. [REDACTED]

These warrants relate to Commonwealth v. Patrick Shawn Gordon, Essex County Superior Court No. 2677CR00083. I understand the warrant materials are docketed separately from the indictment; please provide the separate search-warrant docket number for each so the file is clearly identified.

Basis for access

Returned search warrants and their supporting affidavits are presumptively public records once the warrant has been returned to the court. Public access is governed by the common-law and First Amendment right of access and by Trial Court Rule XIV, the Uniform Rules on Public Access to Court Records. Under Rule 2, a member of the public is not required to be a party to the case, to be represented by counsel, or to state a reason for the request. I am requesting these records as a member of the public.

If any portion of these materials is impounded or sealed, please identify the specific document withheld and provide the written court order authorizing the impoundment or sealing, including its date and docket entry, rather than withholding the file on a general basis.

Requested response

Please let me know, in writing (a reply by email is fine), either: (a) that electronic copies are attached or will be emailed; or (b) the date, time, and counter at which I may inspect and obtain copies in person. I am able to come to the courthouse in person to pick up the documents, and I will pay the standard per-page copying fee.

For context, this request follows several prior in-person attempts since March 2026. Most recently, on October 7, 2026, the Superior Clerk's counter printed only the public docket report; I was directed to the District Court clerk, who searched for the affidavits and then correctly directed me back to the Superior Clerk's office because Justice [REDACTED] sits in the Superior Court; I was then told to call Assistant Clerk John Burke. I am submitting this written request so the matter can be handled and answered on the record.

I would appreciate a response within ten (10) business days. Thank you for your time and assistance.

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