EXHIBIT A
Original formal citizen complaint

Source document: 1. FORMAL CITIZEN COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION.pdf

Description and provenance: The previously prepared three-page complaint dated November 11, 2026.

What this exhibit establishes or supports: Documents the original allegations, requested investigation, preservation demand, and electronic signature appearing in the supplied copy.

Context and evidentiary limits: It is a complaint, rather than an adjudicated finding. Its shortened Koker quotation should be read with the full exchange in Exhibit F. The operative narrative at the front of this packet supplies the fuller treatment.

Requested investigative follow-up: Compare the original allegations with the recordings, policy duties, and classification history.

Original pages: 3
Integrity: The supplied PDF pages follow this cover sheet without substantive editing. Packet pagination is added in the lower margin.

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FORMAL CITIZEN COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

To: Mayor Gary Moore, City of Fairfield

To: Chief of Police Benjamin W. Lewis, Fairfield Police Department

Subject: Formal Complaint Against Detective Koker – September 15, 2026 Body-Camera Recording – Case FPD26-00643

Mayor Moore and Chief Lewis:

I am submitting this formal citizen complaint requesting an investigation into the conduct of Fairfield Police Department Detective Koker concerning his September 15, 2026 encounter with [redacted] at the Wayne County Housing Authority.

This complaint concerns the apparent failure to properly flag and preserve body-camera footage of an encounter that, according to the available evidence, resulted in an actual detention.

1. Evidence Establishing Detention

The following statements and documentation are particularly relevant:

1. Lieutenant Cates expressly told [redacted] "Yes, you are being detained."
2. Detective Koker's incident report states that Lieutenant Cates remained with [redacted] while Koker returned to his patrol vehicle to issue the notice to appear citation.
3. Koker explained that Cates remained there "Just to make sure that we could still make contact with you."
4. During a subsequent discussion about detention, Koker stated: "At the moment? Yeah, we were, to give you that citation."

These statements raise substantial questions about the department's subsequent position that no detention occurred.

2. Potential Violation of Illinois Body-Camera Requirements

Under 50 ILCS 706/10-20(a)(7)(B)(iv), an encounter resulting in detention is deemed flagged under the statute, subject to the specified traffic-stop exclusion.

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Additionally, subsection (a)(7)(B)(i) provides that an encounter is deemed flagged when a formal or informal complaint has been filed.

The department's October 7, 2026 FOIA denial relied on the position that [redacted] received a notice to appear rather than being arrested and that the recording had not been flagged.

However, an arrest is not required for the detention provision to apply.

I request an investigation into whether Detective Koker properly complied with the Illinois Body Camera Act and applicable Fairfield Police Department policies, including whether he was responsible for ensuring that the encounter was properly classified and flagged.

3. Requested Investigation

I respectfully request that the Mayor and Chief of Police:

1. Initiate a formal investigation into Detective Koker's handling and classification of the September 15, 2026 body-camera recording.
2. Determine who was responsible for the decision not to flag the recording.
3. Determine whether the failure to flag the encounter violated Illinois law or department policy.
4. Review Detective Koker's incident report against the statements made during the actual encounter.
5. Determine whether the department's October 7, 2026 FOIA denial accurately represented the circumstances of the detention.
6. Determine whether any supervisory personnel reviewed or approved the decision not to flag the recording.

4. Immediate Preservation of Evidence

I formally request that the department preserve all evidence relating to this encounter, including:

- The complete, original body-camera recording from Detective Koker.
- Any other officers' body-camera recordings.
- All recording metadata and audit logs.
- Flagging and classification records.
- Records identifying who reviewed, classified, or authorized the handling of the recording.
- Dispatch communications and related incident documentation.
- All versions of the incident report and related correspondence.

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No responsive recording or associated evidence should be deleted, altered, overwritten, or destroyed while this complaint and the related FOIA proceedings remain pending.

5. Written Acknowledgment and Investigation Results

Please provide:

- Written acknowledgment that this complaint has been received.
- A formal complaint or investigation control number.
- Confirmation that the requested evidence is being preserved.
- Confirmation that the complaint has been forwarded to the appropriate investigative authority.
- A written response explaining the findings and any corrective or disciplinary action deemed appropriate.

This complaint is submitted in good faith based on the available documentary and recorded evidence. I am requesting an impartial investigation and a determination based on the actual events, rather than the department's administrative classification of the encounter.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

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