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August 26, 2021

Nathaniel Deaton
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OR-22-2009 Re: "I'm requesting traffic incident data concerning e-scooters and bicycles within Fayette County. I'm currently working on a mapping project examining the frequency of incidents since the pilot program ended in June of 2019". The data I am requesting is June 2019 – June 2022.

Dear Nathaniel Deaton,

Your request submitted on August 15, 2022 has been completed. The Attorney General has stated that agencies do not have to provide documents that do not exist, nor honor requests for information as opposed to requests for specifically described documents, nor create records that do not already exist in order to answer questions, nor are they required to do research to make lists or compile information to answer questions. (Please see: 99-ORD-71, 00-ORD-04, 18-ORD-56 and 18-ORD-224.)

However, as a courtesy, the Lexington Police Department's Planning and Analysis Unit has provided data pertaining to all collisions involving a bicycle or "motor scooter".

Please note, the reporting software used when completing collision reports does not have an option of distinguishing "motor scooters" from "e-scooters". However, in a good faith effort to provide the requested documentation, our Planning and Analysis Unit attempted a narrative search for the term "e-scooter". Yet those results were unreliable and likely did not capture complete data pertaining to your inquiry. Therefore, the term "motor scooter" would include anything smaller than a motorcycle.

Additionally, in an effort to provide as thorough a search as possible, data has also been provided via a search of the report narrative that contains the term "scooter". As stated above when searching by specific terms the data located may be unreliable and incomplete.

The data provided references incidents which occurred during the provided timeframe of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

Collision reports contain personal information only made available to involved parties. Therefore, as collision related "Master File Numbers" can be used to retrieve specific collision reports our

office has redacted that information from the provided data. This redaction has been made pursuant to **KRS 61.878(1)(a)** which states:

(a)Public records containing information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Furthermore, as stated above, our office is not required to do research. To provide the latitude and longitude coordinates may pinpoint personal identifiers of involved parties. In order to determine if this information would provide personal locations our office would have to research each incident and determine if the location references any involved parties' home and/or place of employment. Therefore we have redacted that information from the documentation pursuant to the above stated **KRS 61.878(1)(a)**.

Finally, knowing that our office is unable to determine if the collision locations correspond with involved parties' personally identifying address the numeric associated with the location has been provided by block addresses.

The Lexington Police Department has completed your request. Since you provided an email address, this letter and the released documents have been emailed to you **at no charge**.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Shannon Potter Penegor
Assistant Records Custodian
Lexington Police Department
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LEXINGTON POLICE OPEN RECORDS REQUEST FORM

Your Name	Nathaniel Deaton
I am making this request as (select one):	An individual residing in Kentucky
Your Mailing Address	437 North Upper Street Lexington, KY 40508
Your Phone Number	8595839133
Your Email Address	nathaniel.deaton@gmail.com
Name of Involved Person	Nathaniel Deaton
Involved Person (Select One):	Yourself
Involved Person's Date of Birth, (if known):	Jul 17, 1992
Incident Number, (if known):	n/a
Date/Time Frame of the Incident(s), (if known):	June 2019 - June 2022
Location/Address of the Incident(s), (if known):	n/a

Records requested

To whom it may concern:

I'm requesting traffic incident data concerning e-scooters and bicycles within Fayette County. I'm currently working on a mapping project examining the frequency of incidents since the pilot program ended in June of 2019. If e-scooters or bicycles were mentioned in the police report, this would be the type of data that I'm looking for. I'd prefer a shapefile or csv that has lat/long coordinates of the general area that these incidents took place. I'm aware that incidents are not mapped precisely at the location in order to maintain a level of discretion, so this will not be a factor. If the data can be listed by a datetime field or some identifier of the time as well as day/month/year that the incident took place, that would be appreciated as well.

Additionally, any data you can provide me related to e-scooter usage that is relevant to the police department would be excellent support material for my request. I'm primarily concerned with how the frequency of e-scooter incidents have changed or not changed since they were implemented.

If you have any questions about the request, please don't hesitate to reach out by phone or email.

Thank you for hearing my request and best regards,

Nathaniel Deaton
