

Thursday, March 27, 2025

John Kraft

Dear Mr. Kraft:

Thank you for writing to Paris Police Department with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On 3/24/25 you requested a copy of all police reports, incidents or accident reports involving Andy/Andrew Roberts since March 10, 2025

Your request is granted in part and denied in part. Report # 250277 and the corresponding log entries are included however they have been redacted according to FOIA and the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (JCA) (705 ILCS 405/1) (West 2010). Additionally, the report has been redacted of private information according to FOIA under section 7(1)(b) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) (West 210), as amended by Public Acts 97-333, effective August 12, 2011; 97-385, effective August 15, 2011; 97-452, effective August 19, 2011. Section 2(c-5) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/2(c-5) (West 2010), as amended by Public act 97-579, effective August 26, 2011) defines "private information" as:

[u]nique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home addresses and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person.

Furthermore, the report has been redacted according to FOIA under section 7(1)(c) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2016) as it pertains to dates of birth, See e.g., Ill. Att’y Gen. Pub. Acc. Op. No. 16-009, issued November 7, 2016, at 12.

Section 7(1)(c) exempts from inspection and copying [p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information. An “unwarranted invasion of personal privacy” is the “disclosure of information that is highly personal objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.”

5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2016).

You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor

Office of the Attorney General

500 South 2nd Street

Springfield, Illinois 62706

Phone:

1-877-299-FOIA

(1-877-299-3642)

Fax: 217-782-1396

E-mail: [public.access@ilag.gov](mailto:public.access@ilag.gov)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Melissa Garner, FOIA

Enc.



Melissa Garner &lt;mgarner@parisillinois.org&gt;

**FOIA Request (Paris PD) - 3-24-2025**

1 message

**John Kraft**

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 11:19 AM

To: "mgarner@parisillinois.org" &lt;mgarner@parisillinois.org&gt;, Bridget Anderson &lt;banderson@parisillinois.org&gt;

Cc: Kirk Allen

On behalf of the Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc., and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following.

**This is a request for a copy of a police/arrest report and FOIA requires compliance within 72 hours (5 ILCS 140/2.15(a)).**

**If you are not the FOIA officer, please forward to the FOIA officer as required by statute.**

Electronic copies requested.

- **Copy of all police reports, incidences, or accident reports naming Andy (or Andrew) Roberts since March 10, 2025. He is a current candidate for District 95 School Board.**

Electronic copies are requested.

**This is not a commercial request.**

This is also a request for fee waiver, should any fees be imposed, as this information bears on the public business of the local and state governments in Illinois and will be used to inform citizens of the actions of their public officials, of their rights and responsibilities, of news and current or passing events, and for articles of opinion or features of interest to the public. The principal purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of gaining a personal or commercial benefit

*I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as both media and non-profit under the definitions in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Additionally, I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as "news media" under the Illinois Vehicle Code, Section 1-148.5.*

Thanks,  
John Kraft

3/24/25, 2:50 PM

City of Paris Illinois Mail - FOIA Request (Paris PD) - 3-24-2025

Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc.



PARIS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

Date: Sat. 03/15/25



2228 County advised of a 911 call from Morgan Roberts requesting an officer to 411 E. Washington St. in reference to her husband who is intoxicated shoving Morgan and advised there are children in the residence as well. Advised McConnell/703.

2230 Bell/715 10-23 411 E. Washington.

2231 Asbury/714 and McConnell/703 same traffic.

2235 Unit Status Check, Asbury/714 code 4.

2239 Asbury/714 10-95 with one.

2241 Bell/715 10-95 with one to the Edgar County Jail.

2244 Bell/715 10-23 Edgar County Jail.

2250 Asbury/714 and McConnell/703. Advised the grandparents have arrived to take the children to allow the mother to cool off for the evening. Asbury/714 advised a voluntary statement has been collected.

2310 Bell/715 requests incident number, 10-95 time and court date. Given.



2338 Bell/715 10-8 Edgar County Jail.

2350 Regina Roberts on station to speak with an officer in reference to the Andrew Roberts arrest. McConnell/70 and Bell/715 spoke with.



2359 Regina Roberts off station.

End of Daily Activity Log 03/15/25.....K.L.B.



## Case Report

Paris Police Dept  
211 W WASHINGTON ST  
PARIS, IL 61944-1722

Case Number: 25-0277

Phone: (217) 465-6351 Fax: (217) 463-4010

Reporting Officer  
715 - Bell, Logan

Current Status  
Adult Arrest  
Reported Status  
Adult Arrest

Case Category

Ref

Description Domestic Battery

### Offenses

0486 Domestic Battery

720 ILCS 5/12-3.2

Location 411 W. Washington St.  
Paris, IL 61944

Occurred 03/15/2025 Sat 22:28  
To 03/15/2025 Sat 22:28  
Reported 03/15/2025 Sat 22:28  
Arrived  
Completed

Morgan A. Roberts - Victim

Andrew M. Roberts - Arrestee

### Domestic Battery

On 03/05/2025, at approximately 10:28 PM, the Paris Police Department received a 911 transfer call from Morgan A. Roberts (DOB: [REDACTED]). Morgan reported that her husband, Andrew M. Roberts (DOB: [REDACTED]) had shoved her while intoxicated. Based on the nature of the call, Sgt. McConnell/703, Ofc. Asbury/714, Deputy Boyle/114, and I (Ofc. Bell/715) immediately responded to the residence located at [REDACTED].

Upon our arrival, I observed Morgan standing on the front porch, visibly upset, holding one of her daughters in her arms. The child appeared to be in distress, her face red and tear-streaked. As I approached Morgan, I saw Andrew step outside from the front door wearing only his underwear who appeared to be extremely agitated by my presence. He began to demand loudly what was happening and why we were there.



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I asked Andrew if we could speak inside the residence to which he agreed. Ofc. Asbury stayed outside with Morgan, and I followed Andrew inside the home. Upon entering, I observed one of their daughters sitting on the living room couch, visibly distraught and crying uncontrollably. I attempted to speak with her and calm her down, but she was inconsolable, continuing to cry and look nervously around the room. Her anxiety was apparent, and she appeared frightened by the ongoing events.

As I attempted to offer comfort to the young girl, I continued my conversation with Andrew, asking him to explain what had occurred. Andrew initially responded by stating that he had no idea what was going on and claimed that he had been asleep when the officers arrived. I immediately noted the strong odor of alcohol emanating from Andrew's breath, indicating his intoxication. His behavior seemed erratic, and his responses were inconsistent with a person in control of their faculties.

Meanwhile, I could still hear their daughter crying in the background, which seemed to further agitate Andrew. As I continued to engage him, I saw that Morgan's parents had arrived and were speaking with Sgt. McConnell outside. I turned to the distraught child and asked if she would like to go outside to join her grandparents. She nodded in agreement and left the house with them. Once she was outside with her grandparents, Sgt. McConnell stepped near the front door entrance to speak with Andrew further.

Sgt. McConnell asked Andrew if there had been any verbal altercation prior to the arrival of law enforcement. Andrew continued to deny any knowledge of the situation, repeating that he had been asleep. In an attempt to gather more information, Sgt. McConnell then spoke with the 6-year-old daughter privately, away from Andrew and Morgan, to ensure she felt safe sharing what she had witnessed.

The young girl then explained that earlier, her mother, Morgan, had entered the bedroom and tried to wake Andrew. Morgan asked Andrew to get up because she wanted to sleep alone. The daughter further explained that Morgan had told her to go to another room, but that Andrew followed them into the living room. The child stated that, once in the living room, Andrew shoved Morgan onto the couch, which caused her to cry and become upset. The child's account aligned with the initial report, confirming that Andrew had been physical with Morgan during an argument.

While Sgt. McConnell was speaking with the child, I continued to try to engage Andrew in conversation. However, Andrew became agitated once again and approached where Sgt. McConnell was speaking with his 6-year-old daughter. He shouted, "What is going on?" in a raised voice, demanding answers. I immediately intervened, ordering Andrew to return to where we had initially been speaking in order to give Sgt. McConnell the space and privacy to continue speaking with the child. Andrew complied and returned to the original location.

Sgt. McConnell once again attempted to engage Andrew in conversation, asking him what had happened. However, Andrew continued to deny any involvement, claiming he was asleep. After receiving no further cooperation from Andrew, Sgt. McConnell advised him that he was being placed under arrest for domestic battery. Sgt. McConnell then advised Andrew to step around the corner, so

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he was out of sight of the children. I then placed him in handcuffs, ensuring they were properly fit and double-locked to prevent discomfort or tampering. I then secured him in the rear seat of Squad 19.

I transported Andrew to the Edgar County Jail, where he was formally charged with Domestic Battery. Given the ongoing conflict, his evident intoxication, and the emotional state of Morgan and their children, I requested that Andrew be held in jail until his appearance before a judge. There was significant concern that, if released while still under the influence, Andrew could escalate the situation further, potentially endangering Morgan and their three children, both physically and emotionally. Based on these concerns, Andrew was detained to ensure the safety of the family.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Officer 715 - Logan Bell

Reporting Officer

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715 - Bell, Logan

Approving Officer

\_\_\_\_\_   
702 - Hutson, Andrew

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### #1 Initial Report - Domestic Battery

Supplemental #1

Reporting Officer

Narrative Type

Date

703 McConnell, Matthew

Initial Report

Mon

Domestic Battery

On March 16th, 2025 at approximately 10:28 PM, I (Sgt. McConnell) was advised of a 911 call from Morgan Roberts. Roberts requested officers respond to [REDACTED] in reference to her husband being intoxicated and shoving her.

Upon my arrival, Officer Asbury was on the front porch area of the residence speaking with Morgan. Officer Bell was inside the residence speaking with Morgan's husband, Andrew Roberts. I overheard Morgan explaining to Officer Asbury, that Andrew "was in my face pushing me backwards with her in my arms", referring to her as their two year old daughter. Morgan went on to explain that her and Andrew are currently going through a separation and things are going to get "ugly". Morgan's mother, Lori Burns then arrived on-scene. Burns attempted to remove the children from the situation and Morgan became upset yelling at Burns.

Andrew then exited the residence wearing only boxer style under garments and inquired to what is going on. Andrew advised he was home in bed and Morgan came home, then "called the cops". Andrew advised he had no idea as to what was transpiring or why Morgan called law enforcement. Morgan then advised me to speak with the children as to what happened. Burns was holding Morgan and Andrew's 6 year old daughter. I advised to Burns to step around the corner to speak privately with her and the child.

The child was obviously upset due to the situation. I inquired with her as to what had happened and she explained that "my daddy was in bed, my mom told my daddy to get up and go to his own bed". She further explained that her mother told her to go to the other room and "then my daddy came in there and he pushed my momma onto the couch and her face". I then asked her why he did this and she stated "he knew momma didn't want him to be in bed". Andrew then walked over to the front of the residence, where I was located and shouted "what is going on". Andrew then walked back to the area of the front porch. I approached him and inquired with him to what was going on. Andrew stated "I have no fucking idea, I was in bed, she came home and I have no fucking idea". I could detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Andrew's breath as I spoke with him. Andrew seemed confused as he could not grasp the reason for our presence. I then advised Andrew that he was under arrest. I grabbed Andrew's left hand as Officer Bell grabbed his right hand. Andrew was handcuffed behind his back by Officer Bell. I then advised Andrew to step around the corner, so he was out of sight of the children. Officer Bell and Deputy Boyll escorted Andrew to Officer Bell's squad car. Officer Asbury provided Morgan with a written statement form which she completed. Burns then inquired about clothing for Andrew and I advised her if she retrieved clothing, I provide it to him for his release. I then departed the scene and transported the clothing to the Edgar County Jail for

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McConnell 703.

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/s/ Officer 715 - Logan Bell

Reporting Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
703 McConnell, Matthew

Approving Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
702 Hutson, Andrew

PARIS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

I, Morgan Roberts DOB [REDACTED] Age [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED]

who currently resides at [REDACTED] City of [REDACTED] State of [REDACTED]

do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Paris PD.

who has identified him/herself as an officer of the Paris Police Department, Paris, Edgar County Illinois 61944. I also have read or had read to me the following inclusive segments explaining to me my Constitutional rights and fully understand them. I have the right to remain silent, I understand that anything I say may be held against me in a court of law. I understand I have the right to an attorney and have him/her with me while I am being questioned. I understand that if I can not afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent me before any questioning if I wish. No threats, abuse or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement.

I came home from work from the skating rink. He was asleep on the couch and moved to the bedroom with the girls. [REDACTED] was crying [REDACTED] was upside I asked to leave the bedroom 3 times he starting screaming and I took both gangers and then he followed to the living room to continue to. scream when I didn't engage with him he got in my face and shoved me to the couch with [REDACTED] the baby in my hands that's when I called 911

I have read each page of this statement consisting of \_\_\_ page(s), each of which bears my signature and corrections if any bear initials and I certify that the facts contained are true and correct.

[REDACTED]

March 15, 2005

Signature of Person giving statement

Date

Incident number: \_\_\_\_\_

## INMATE SCREENING BOOKING QUESTIONS/PROTOCOLS

Assessment of Mental Health, Suicide, Mental Retardation, and Acquired Brain Injury

### Arresting Officer Questions

CASE # 26 0277

SCREENING DATE 3 15 125

PRISONER Andrew M Roberts

SCREENING TIME 10103 pm

COMMITTING AGENCY PARU PO

- ! ARRESTING OFFICER IS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL
- ! COPY TO REMAIN ON FILE
- ! ORIGINAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEDICAL AUTHORITY

ARRESTING OFFICER IDENTIFICATION (PRINT/SIGN/ID NUMBER)

#### QUESTIONS

1. Has the arrestee engaged in any assaultive or violent behavior? Yes  No

If yes, refer to custody supervisor.

2. Has your search of the arrestee uncovered any dangerous contraband such as drugs or weapons? Yes  No

If yes, refer to custody supervisor.

3. Has the arrestee attempted to elude or escape from custody? Yes  No

If yes, refer to custody supervisor.

4. Are you aware of the need to keep this arrestee separated from other persons housed in this facility? Yes  No

If yes, refer to custody supervisor.

5. Are you aware of the arrestee's consumption or use of potentially dangerous level levels of drugs or alcohol?

If yes, refer to medical. No

6. Are you aware of any acute medical condition or injury recently sustained by this arrestee that may require immediate medical attention? Yes  No

If yes, refer to medical.

7. Has this arrestee demonstrated any behaviors that might suggest mental illness?

Yes  No

*If yes, call the crisis line.*

8. Has the arrestee demonstrated any behaviors that might suggest mental retardation?

Yes  No

*If yes, refer to custody supervisor.*

9. Has the arrestee demonstrated behavior that would suggest acquired brain injury?

Yes  No

*If yes, refer to medical.*

10. Has the arrestee demonstrated any behaviors that might suggest suicidal tendencies? Yes  No

*If yes, call the crisis line.*

11. Has there been any indication that the arrestee is reacting so negatively to their charge that they may engage in self-harming behavior? Yes  No

*If yes, call the crisis line.*

12. Do you have any other information that may assist this agency in the care and/or custody of this arrestee? Yes  No

*If yes, identify this information:*

Jail Officers Assessment Questions

13. Are there any institutional alerts on file for this arrestee? (Alerts for mental health, suicidal) Yes  No

*If yes, call the crisis line.*

14. Is there a need for an immediate evaluation of this arrestee by health care staff or a custody supervisor? Yes  No

*If yes, refer to the appropriate person.*