STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

DENNIS VANDERLAAN and DAYNELLE VANDERLAAN,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case No. 25-000184-MM

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,

Hon. Randy J. Wallace

Defendant.
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ORDER AFTER SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

Nonparty Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's Office appeared before this Court on July 9, 2026, to show cause why it should not be held in contempt of court for failing to respond to the subpoena issued by plaintiffs on January 26, 2026. The subpoena issued to the Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's Office contained the wrong case number. Plaintiffs attempted to correct the error by serving the prosecuting attorney's office with a copy of the subpoena with the correct case number written in, but plaintiffs corrected and served the wrong subpoena.[1] As a result, the Court finds no basis for a finding of contempt in this matter.

[1] The proof of service filed with this Court on June 24, 2026, states that plaintiff's counsel served "a copy of the original subpoena (dated 02/19/2026) now containing hand-written corrections of the case number and the successor judge's name to be faxes and sent via US certified mail with return receipt on June 24, 2026 to the Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney." The subpoena attached to the proof of service is a subpoena issued to Wolf Creek Productions, Inc. on February 19, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that, if plaintiffs issue a second corrected subpoena with the correct case number and with the correct recipient—the Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's Office—plaintiffs may serve this order, together with the second corrected subpoena, upon the Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's office by fax (at the fax number listed on its website, i.e., www.newaygocountymi.gov/departments/prosecuting-attorney) and via certified mail return receipt requested, and such service shall be deemed good and sufficient. Proof of service shall be filed with the Court. The Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's Office shall produce all documents and records responsive to plaintiffs' second corrected subpoena, and/or file and serve appropriate objections, within 14 days of service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this order and to enter any further orders required to secure compliance.

Date: July 9, 2026

Hon. Randy J. Wallace
Judge, Court of Claims