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## Media Law – Period Of Time For Challenging FOIA Denial Begins The Date The Denial Is Mailed

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Under Michigan's FOIA statute, a lawsuit challenging the denial of a FOIA request must be filed within 180 days. In a February 15, 2011 decision in *Prins v. Michigan State Police*, Case No. 293251, the Court of Appeals held that the 180 day period starts from the date the public body places the denial letter in the mail, **not** the date that the denial letter was written.

Update: On January 25, 2012, the Michigan Supreme Court denied leave to appeal the Court of Appeals decision, leaving the Court of Appeals decision intact.

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