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Nicole [ngeary@lsj.com],

I have a FOIA story for you. In 2005, I sent the Municipality Employees' Retirement System (MERS) a FOIA request and sued them when they denied it. I won the lawsuit and they paid me \$6426 for my attorney fees and \$500 as penalty. For the details, go to [www.mersdirt.com](http://www.mersdirt.com) and scroll down to the article "MERS' Bill for Failed FOIA Fight: \$12,813.50".

I created the website soon after I left MERS in August 2004. I had worked there 8 years.

If you have any questions, call me at 323-3897.

Steve Harry