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However, all court files are public records, and unless impounded or sealed under state law or by court order, such files are available for public inspection. Therefore, you are welcome to view all court files not sealed or impounded. Files may be viewed any time during my office's hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Copies are \$2.00 for the first page; \$.50 per page for the next 20 pages; and \$.25 per page for each page thereafter.

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