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Subject: RE: California Public Records Act Request
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Ms. Shaw,

Our office is in receipt of your PRA. We have no responsive documents. We are a under-resourced office consisting of only 4 attorneys and three clerical staff. Our case management software does not possess the technological capabilities, at least in the capacity for which we use it, to compile the data you are requesting would require a hand accounting of every case report from 2015, whether filed or not, and, aside from the undue consumption of time that would take, our retention policies do not go back that far. Your request also does not account for administration changes and personnel changes. Additionally, we do not track cases by the identifying characteristics of any particular defendant and none of our cases are disposed of in any fashion based on those identifying characteristics. Our cases are resolved on a case by case basis, depending on the facts of each specific case.

I am attaching a link to DOJ who I believe does track, to some extent, the data you are looking for specific to Lassen. Each report generated by law enforcement has a DOJ form attached, that is completed by the arresting agency (not the DAs office) and is submitted to the court with the pleadings if and when a case is filed. Upon disposition, the DOJ form is completed and submitted by the court to DOJ reflecting the pertinent information.

<https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/exploration/crime-statistics>

Also, a google search regarding the demographic/socioeconomic makeup of Lassen County would likely answer your question as to what the identifying characteristics of our population is and would likely give you a sense of that of the criminally accused.

Thank you,

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Hon. Susan M. Rios,

Please see the attached request for additional records pursuant to California's Public Records Act (Gov't Code §§ 6250 et seq.).

Best,

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