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Dear Ms. Leonida:

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is in receipt of your California Public Records Act (PRA) request dated July 23, 2021. The Chief Deputy of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA) approved the portion of your California Public Records Act (PRA) request seeking the updated statistical data since your May 13, 2019 request:

1. *Records of prosecution data within your possession for calendar year [~~2017 and 2018~~ 2019, 2020, 2021], including but not limited to,*
 - a. *Unique identifiers for each person, charges, and outcomes for all minors (any persons under the age of 18) prosecuted directly in adult court in Los Angeles County (adult court is defined as a court of criminal jurisdiction) (otherwise known as "pipeline" or "direct file" cases) under Welfare and Institutions Code section 707.*
 - i. *Unique identifiers for each person, charges, and outcomes for all minors prosecuted in adult court in Los Angeles County after any one of the following:*
 1. *a judicial certification to adult court following a juvenile transfer hearing under the newly amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 707 subsection (a);*
 2. *a juvenile defendant's waiver of transfer hearing or stipulation to adult court following the District Attorney's motion to transfer to adult court.*
 - b. *Unique case identifiers, charges, and outcomes for all minors prosecuted in juvenile court in Los Angeles county, including, but not limited to demographic data, charges filed, and case outcomes during the calendar year of 2017 and 2018.*
 - c. *Unique case identifiers, charges, and outcomes (including diversion) of all misdemeanor charges for minors and adults in Los Angeles county.*
 - d. *Unique case identifiers, charges, enhancements and outcomes (including diversion) of all felony charges for minors and adults in Los Angeles county.*

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On August 13, 2021, you confirmed that you were seeking the same data fields that were disclosed in 2019.

Regarding your request for Data, we have conducted a search of the LADA's Prosecutors Information Management System (PIMS) database using the criteria provided in your PRA request.

Your request sought many records (case names and case numbers for example) that are normally exempt from disclosure pursuant to Penal Code § 13300. However, the documents are being given to you because your request indicated that the documents were needed to fulfill a scholarly or journalistic purpose. Pursuant to Penal Code section 13300, subdivision (j), I am obliged to inform you that "if a person in a declaration required by this subdivision willfully states as true any material fact that he or she knows to be false, he or she shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). An action to impose a civil penalty under this subdivision may be brought by any public prosecutor and shall be enforced as a civil judgment." (See Penal Code § 13300 subd. (j).)

The information provided to you is considered "local summary criminal history information" and is confidential. (See Penal Code § 13300 subs. (a)(1) and (c).) Any person authorized by law to receive local summary criminal history information who knowingly furnishes criminal history information to a person who is not authorized by law to receive the information is guilty of a misdemeanor. (See Penal Code § 13303.)

In most instances, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA) does not directly input sentencing information into its computer system. Some sentencing information may have been imported from the court into the LADA system. The LADA cannot verify the accuracy of this imported information. The sentencing information provided may be inaccurate. All sentencing information should be verified by the court.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATA PROVIDED WAS GENERATED BY A COMPUTER PROGRAM WHICH INCORPORATES MULTIPLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS, SOME OF WHICH ARE MAINTAINED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES. ANY OMISSIONS OR ERRORS WERE INADVERTENT. WHILE WE STRIVE FOR ACCURACY, THE ONLY WAY TO COMPILE THE LARGE AMOUNT OF DATA WAS TO UTILIZE A COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT DRAWS INFORMATION FROM SEVERAL SOURCES. THE LADA CANNOT VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF IMPORTED INFORMATION.

Information responsive to your request will be provided to you in a one-time use link at which you will be able to access and download the records. This information will be sent to you via email.

Very truly yours,

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