

From: [Frye, Thomas](#)
To: [PRA Response](#)
Cc: [Moreno, Veronica](#)
Subject: RE: PRA responsive documents
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 4:54:41 PM
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***** EXTERNAL MESSAGE *****

Dear Mr. Wilner:

Thank you for your follow-up request.

We have reviewed the categories of data we previously withheld pursuant to Penal Code sections 13300-13305. We do not believe the amended request would remove our concern of disclosing criminal history information in violation of Penal Code section 13302. However, if you have any additional information or specific legal authority entitling your client to the requested information, please provide it for further review.

As we mentioned in our letter to you dated March 31, 2022, we have expended considerable resources responding to your PRA request and have even engaged in programming for which we do not intend to seek reimbursement. Although not required, we have summarized the numerical data in excel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns.

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From: PRA Response <praresponse@braunhagey.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Frye, Thomas <Thomas.Frye@ventura.org>; PRA Response <praresponse@braunhagey.com>
Subject: Re: PRA responsive documents

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Mr. Frye,

Thank you for the data you have produced so far. After reviewing your asserted exemptions, we are willing to amend our request to exclude the name of the defendant. We believe this will eliminate exemptions for the other categories of data you intend to withhold pursuant to Penal Code sec. 13300-13305. Please let us know your position on this matter and if you have any additional questions.

Regards,

Joshua Wilner

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From: Frye, Thomas <Thomas.Frye@ventura.org>

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 2:38 PM

To: PRA Response <praresponse@braunhagey.com>; Ellen Leonida <Leonida@braunhagey.com>

Subject: PRA responsive documents

***** EXTERNAL MESSAGE *****

Dear Ellen Leonida,

In our last correspondence letter to you, dated March 31, 2022, we indicated we would provide our responsive records by May 1, 2022. Please see the attached excel sheet.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns, or otherwise desire to discuss this matter further.

Thank you.

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From: Frye, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 3:08 PM
To: PRA Response <praresponse@braunhagey.com>
Cc: Dean, Rachelle <Rachelle.Dean@ventura.org>
Subject: RE: Initial Response to PRA

Please see that attached PRA response.

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From: PRA Response <praresponse@braunhagey.com>

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 11:05 AM

To: Frye, Thomas <Thomas.Frye@ventura.org>

Cc: Dean, Rachelle <Rachelle.Dean@ventura.org>; PRA Response <praresponse@braunhagey.com>

Subject: Re: Initial Response to PRA

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Mr. Frye,

Thank you for your response. Our office is willing to agree to an extension to May 1, 2022, subject to the following stipulation:

By April 1, 2022, we ask that you respond in writing to each subcategory of our request. For each subcategory, we ask that you identify:

1. If the data is tracked in any form by your office.
2. If the data is tracked, what method would be necessary to produce the data to us (searching through paper files, manually searching individual electronic files, running a report in your case management system, writing code to extract the data because it is not available in a report, etc.)
3. If the data could be produced, would you produce it or would it be withheld subject to a legal exemption. Please provide the specific exemption you plan to use to withhold the data for that subcategory.

We would be happy to answer any questions you have by email or over the phone. We look forward to your response.

Regards,

Joshua Wilner

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From: Frye, Thomas <Thomas.Frye@ventura.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:52 PM

To: Ellen Leonida <Leonida@braunhagey.com>

Cc: Dean, Rachelle <Rachelle.Dean@ventura.org>

Subject: FW: Initial Response to PRA

***** EXTERNAL MESSAGE *****

Dear Ms. Leonida,

Attached is the Ventura County District Attorney's Office initial response to your Public Records Act request of February 10, 2022, and in the email chain below, you will find our first extension request and your response agreeing to March 4, 2022.

As mentioned previously, we possess over 200,000 case files that fall within the timeframe for which you are seeking records. We intend to provide you with records in accordance with the CPRA. However, given this massive undertaking we need further time to research and assess which records are subject to the Public Records Act. We are asking for a two-month extension to May 1, 2022.

If you have any questions about this email please do not hesitate to contact me, or Chief Deputy District Attorney Rachelle Dean, at 805.654.2719.

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From: Dean, Rachelle <Rachelle.Dean@ventura.org>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Frye, Thomas <Thomas.Frye@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Initial Response to PRA

From: Drescher, Kevin <Kevin.Drescher@ventura.org>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 7:23 AM
To: Dean, Rachelle <Rachelle.Dean@ventura.org>
Subject: Fwd: Initial Response to PRA

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From: PRA Response <praresponse@braunhagey.com>
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Cc: PRA Response
Subject: Re: Initial Response to PRA

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Mr. Drescher,

Thank you for your response. Our office agrees to an extension to March 4, 2022.

Have a good weekend.

Regards,

Joshua Wilner
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From: Drescher, Kevin <Kevin.Drescher@ventura.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:45 AM

To: Ellen Leonida <Leonida@braunhagey.com>

Subject: Initial Response to PRA

***** EXTERNAL MESSAGE *****

Good Morning Ms. Leonida,

Attached is the Ventura County District Attorney's Office initial response to your PRA letter sent and received on February 10, 2022.

As you will see in our response, we are seeking additional time to determine what non-exempt material, in likely over 200,000 case files, we can collect, compile and provide you if possible. We will provide you non-exempt records in accordance with the CPRA. However, as you can imagine, this request is extremely voluminous and will take additional time and resources to determine what, how and when we could provide you with the information you have requested.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Rachelle Dean usually handles these requests, but was not available to formally respond to this letter.

I anticipate Ms. Dean handling this matter moving forward, once she is free from her current work obligations.

If you have any questions about this letter, feel free to contact me. Note though, I will be out of the office until 2/22.

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