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Subject: Re: 20400-140 RE: California Public Records Act Request
Date: Thursday, December 29, 2022 4:27:42 PM

Tom,

Thanks for a productive call. I am writing to memorialize what was agreed on.

By January 12, you will:

1. List in detail what data is tracked by the DA's office. If the data is tracked digitally—that is, uploaded somewhere—you will note whether the data can be produced in a report by the DA's office or must be produced by Karpel.
2. Produce all data that can be produced by the DA's office.
3. For data that only Karpel can provide, report back on the conversation between the DA's office and Karpel—which will take place between now and January 12—regarding what needs to happen to produce the data.
4. Provide a full and final response to our December 2 appeal letter regarding your exemptions.

Regards,

Joshua Wilner

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Joshua and Kory

I'm happy to schedule a call for next week. Next Thursday at 3:00 works best for me. I have some flexibility on Tuesday and Friday afternoons as well.

Thanks

Tom

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Hi Tom,

Thanks for the update. I will actually be leaving the firm at the end of the year. Would it be possible for us to hop on a quick call next week? Kory DeClark (copied here) will be taking

over the requests and I think it would be helpful to get an update from you and get him up to speed while I'm still in the office.

Let me know what time next week works for you. Thanks, again, for your help with this request.

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Josh

Thank you for the follow up., I have been working with Tom Pfeiff of the District Attorney's office on the request, and he expects to have an idea on what our report will look like early in January (He's currently working on a remote courtroom assignment)

Can I schedule a call with you sometime early in January once Tom and I have met and determined what the report looks like and then you and I can agree on next steps?

Thanks

Tom

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Hi Tom,

Please provide an update on your response. I'm happy to speak on the phone today or later this week.

Regards,

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Josh

Thank you for this follow up – I have a meeting with the new Deputy DA handling this matter. I will discuss these issues with him and get back to you shortly

Tom

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Hi Tom,

Thanks for all your help with this and we look forward to your first round of production. I want to respond to some of the exemptions asserted in the letter below. I am happy to speak with you on the phone about these, if that would be helpful.

Regarding Date of Birth (category 2e): We do not believe the individual is able to be identified by their DOB if the names and unique identifiers are not produced. This information is therefore not able to be withheld as summary criminal history information. We are amenable to receiving the age instead of the DOB.

Regarding Diversion (category 6): We ask explicitly whether diversion was completed. This appears to satisfy the Penal Code section you cite.

Regarding Plea offers (category 9): The protection offered by the work product privilege can be waived by the attorney's "disclosure to a person, other than the client, who has no interest in maintaining the confidentiality of a significant part of the work product." OXY Res. California LLC v. Superior Ct., 115 Cal. App. 4th 874, 891, 9 Cal. Rptr. 3d 621, 636 (2004) (quoting 2 Jefferson, Cal. Evidence Benchbook (3d ed. 2003) § 41.6) (alteration omitted). This is because disclosure to a third party is inconsistent with the purpose of the work product

protection, “which is to safeguard the attorney’s work product and trial preparation.”

Raytheon Co. v. Superior Ct., 208 Cal. App. 3d 683, 689 (1989). Disclosure to a party that has “an interest in maintaining confidentiality exists when the parties are aligned on the same side in the litigation and have a similar stake in the outcome.” McKesson HBOC, Inc. v. Superior Ct., 115 Cal. App. 4th 1229, 1240 (2004). A prosecutor and the target of the prosecution are not aligned in litigation, “and they do not share the same stake or have the same goal.” Id. (providing document to U.S. Attorney’s Office and Securities and Exchange Commission waived work-product protection). Because the plea offers are shared with defendants, that material is not protected by the work-product privilege.

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