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## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

Dear Haazim Amirali,

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA) is in receipt of your California Public Records Act (PRA) request dated November 17, 2023, for the period of 2015 to the date of the search, seeking:

### **"Records Requested:"**

#### **1. Unique identifier(s) associated with each defendant, each case, and each arrest**

- a. Court case number(s)
- b. Arresting agency number(s)
- c. Any other unique identifier(s)

#### **2. Demographic and other information concerning each defendant**

- a. Race
- b. Ethnicity
- c. Country of origin or nationality
- d. Gender/sex
- e. Age or date of birth
- f. Prior criminal convictions of a defendant

#### **3. Information regarding each arrest**

- a. Zip code of arrest
- b. Date of arrest
- c. Charge identified by law enforcement referring individual (including top charge by law enforcement referring)
- d. Arresting agency

#### **4. ADA assigned to the case**

#### **5. Decisions to decline to prosecute**

- a. Date of decision to decline to prosecute
- b. Identity of person who made final decision to decline prosecution

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- c. Charges declined to prosecute (charge-level declinations as opposed to individual- or case-level where available)
  - d. Reasons for the declinations to prosecute, including but not limited to:
    - i. police misconduct involved in case;
    - ii. injuries to persons involved;
    - iii. injuries to suspect;
    - iv. financial loss to persons involved;
    - v. prior criminal record of suspect; and
    - vi. victim's level of cooperation in prosecuting case.
- 6. Diversion offers and decisions (formal and informal, and including collaborative court and deferred prosecution)**
- a. Date of diversion offer
  - b. Type of diversion offered
  - c. Whether diversion accepted
  - d. Whether diversion completed
- 7. Charges filed**
- a. Statutes (applicable code section)
  - b. Severity (i.e., infraction, misdemeanor, wobbler, felony)
  - c. Any enhancements<sup>□</sup>
  - d. Maximum sentence
- 8. Factors considered in deciding charges to file, and level of charges, including**
- a. Injuries to persons
  - b. Financial loss to persons
  - c. Status of victim (i.e., law enforcement, child, spouse, etc.)
  - d. Prior criminal history of defendant
  - e. Victim's cooperation
- 9. Bail/custody information**
- a. Bail amount requested
  - b. Detention orders sought
  - c. Whether bail was set or denied
  - d. Whether individuals were released on bail or not
  - e. Pre-plea/pre-trial custody status
- 10. Plea offers**
- a. Charge(s) offered, including severity (i.e., infraction, misdemeanor, felony), including enhancements
  - b. Dates of plea offers
  - c. Sentence(s)/disposition(s) offered
  - d. Records of whether any plea offer was accepted, including date of acceptance
- 11. Case outcomes**
- a. Charges of conviction
  - b. Dismissed charges
  - c. Sentences
- 12. Counsel for defendant, whether public defender or private counsel**
- 13. Demographic and other information concerning victims**
- a. Race
  - b. Ethnicity
  - c. Gender/sex
- 14. Recommendations regarding parole**
- 15. Recommendations regarding pardon or commutation"**

Some of the records and information you request are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act and will not be released. The following records are exempt from disclosure:

Identifying information such as defendant names and case numbers are prohibited from disclosure. Records including prohibited identifying information is governed by Penal Code §13300 et seq., the local summary criminal statute. A prosecutor's office cannot release, in response to a PRA request, "the identification and criminal history of any person, such as name, date of birth, physical description, dates of arrests, arresting agencies and booking numbers, charges, dispositions, and similar data about the person." (Pen. Code, § 13300, subd. (a)(1); Pen. Code, § 11105, subd. (a)(2)(A).) It is a misdemeanor for any employee to release such information to unauthorized persons. (Pen. Code, § 13302.) Merely removing a defendant's name and furnishing only a case number is also a violation of the statute. (89 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 204, 215 (2006).)

Notwithstanding the above, we have conducted a search of the LADA's Prosecutors Information Management System (PIMS) database using the criteria provided in your PRA request and have identified records responsive to your request. The records will be provided in a de-identified, anonymous manner utilizing a Mask ID. A Mask ID is a unique identified assigned to the records for reporting purposes in this PRA request.

Please be aware, to provide the numerous records you have requested, a computer program containing your search terms was created to access the records. The records contained in PIMS may have been imported from systems managed and maintained by departments and agencies outside of LADA, and we cannot guarantee the accuracy of those records. Additionally, there may be instances where information was inadvertently omitted from PIMS or was omitted from the records of outside departments and agencies which LADA imported into PIMS. Results reported as "null" or "unknown" may be a result of data entry user error, interface error, or the lack of availability of the data. LADA reviewed these results and are providing all available data with the exception of exempt records referenced above.

In most instances, the 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.

For Item 5B, we are providing a declining deputy mask ID, as the identity of the deputy district attorney, coupled with the reasons for the declination to prosecute would constitute attorney-work product. "The materials found in prosecutors' memoranda or notes will constitute work product as they reflect the "impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal research or theories..." of an attorney. (Code of Civ. Proc., § 2018.030, subd. (a); Pen. Code, § 1054.6.) However, since we are providing a declining deputy mask ID, the reason for declination in 5D is being provided.

For Items in Number 6, the data element can only provide an output of "Y" which means "Yes" or "N" which means "No." PIMS does not otherwise track some of the data elements requested in Item Number 6.

For Items Number 7d, 8, 10b through 10d, 14, and 15, these data elements are not tracked in PIMS.

For data elements that are not tracked in PIMS, a manual search for these data elements would be burdensome. (Gov. Code, § 7922.000; *County of Los Angeles v. Superior Court (Kusar)* (1993) 18 Cal.App.4th 591-592.)

With the above in mind, we are releasing a spreadsheet with 2,000 line items titled, “01.01.2015 – 01.10.2024 Haazim Amirali ACLU.csv”.

Very truly yours,

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