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Subject: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Leonida:

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office received your letter dated February 18, 2022, in which you request "[r]ecords regarding relevant case, individual, and/or charge-level data in the possession or control of Riverside District Attorney's Office for all cases considered for prosecution and/or prosecuted during the time-period 2015 to Present." Your letter requests the following 15 items of information:

- 1) Unique identifier(s) associated with each defendant, each case, and each arrest
  - a. Name of defendant
  - b. Court case number(s)
  - c. Arresting agency number(s)
  - d. 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)
- 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
  - 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:
  - 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

We believe that, to date, we have provided you with all of the data responsive to your request that is not subject to an exemption. However, out of an abundance of caution we are meeting with our Technical Support Bureau in the upcoming days to re-review your request and ascertain whether or not there is any additional data to provide. We anticipate that we will be able to give you a final letter within 5-10 business days of today's date. We will therefore give you an update on or before **Monday, July 24, 2023**.

Please note that this letter incorporates all of the previous exemptions and privileges indicated in all previous letters relating to this request. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I can be reached directly at [LauraWatts@rivcoda.org](mailto:LauraWatts@rivcoda.org) or by calling (951) 955-5400. We appreciate your patience.

Very truly yours,

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