

Public Records Act Detail

Crime Victim Data 2016 to 2020 – San Diego County – Original Request: July 1, 2020

Public Records Act Request Notes

In California, the California Public Records Act provides a way for the public to access data associated with public records such as the crime victim data described below. Strict formality is not required and the law puts the burden on the Agency to try to be helpful in providing the data sought. The revisions below were done in cooperation with the agency who provided the data and my being open to their refinement in what I needed made the process relatively easy. It was fairly expensive at \$183, but now all of the data can be placed in the public for anyone to access. My hope in sharing this is to confirm that private members of the community can get access to data and that working collaboratively with public agencies can yield positive results. ARJIS made this process very straightforward and for that we are grateful.

The Original Request

The ideal data would probably be for the following categories: robbery, burglary, murder, assault, child endangerment/abuse, sex trafficking/exploitation, and elder abuse. The ability to get victim data by race and by the smallest unit of geographic measurement possible would be ideal. Especially if already kept on a map.

Please let me know time windows that might work for you and I may be able to call during a lunch break or if you start early enough before I even get into the office.

Thanks so much

Omar

The Revised Request

Overall Request: All UCR reportable crime cases with victim and suspect information

Time Range: January 1, 2016 – Today

Geographic Boundaries: San Diego Region

Fields Requested: Agency, Date/Time, Highest Charge Type, Degree, Description, Crime Category, UCR Code, Suspect Age/Race/Gender, Victim Age/Race/Gender and 100 Block, City and Zip Code, Census Block and Census Tract

Refinement from ARJIS

Hey Omar, I just wanted to provide you with a quick update on your request. When I sent it out to the agencies there was some concern around victim privacy. On that note, would you be okay with the following geo fields: city, zip code, census tract, census block without the 100 Block/Street information? The reason I am checking on this is for two reasons 1) it will make your request easier and faster to process 2) it will lighten the agency's concern around protecting the victim's privacy especially for victims of sexual assault where the crime occurred in their own home. Let me know what you think when you have a moment.

Original Submittal 7/1/2020 to ARJIS via email by O.Passons