

PRA Request: 190.2 Special Circumstances

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Tue, Jan 19, 2021 at 11:44 AM

Mr. Trautfield:

My apologies as I thought that the attached had already been forwarded to you. I am the Deputy County Counsel who handles PRA requests served on the San Mateo County District Attorneys' Office ("SMCDAO"). Please forward all future communications regarding this to my attention. Attached is a spreadsheet which is responsive to your PRA request below. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me by replying to this email.

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December 17, 2020

San Mateo County District Attorney's Office

To Whom It May Concern:

Gmail - PRA Request: 190.2 Special Circumstances

My name is Daniel Trautfield, I am a legislative coordinator with the California Coalition for Women Prisoners, a coalition of grassroots and not-for-profit organizations whose mission is to advocate for incarcerated women and appeal for just reforms. We are attempting to gather as much statistical information about LWOP and Death Penalty sentencing as possible. To that end, I am writing to request public information from the criminal records of individuals sentenced under PC §190.2 from 1991 through 2020.

I am writing pursuant to the Title 10 et seq. to request the public records described below. For the purposes of this request, "public records" include "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics." Per California Government Code § 6253(c) you must, within 10 days of receipt of this request, respond and let me know the status of the request, and how soon you will be able to produce all available records.

Please provide, where possible:

- 1. Disposition Date
- 2. Charges Convicted / penal codes for each case (eg. 187(a), 190.2(a)(3))
- 3. Any demographic information available including:
 - a. Race of defendant
 - b. Gender of defendant
 - c. Age at time of sentencing (or D.O.B when not available)

Note: It is necessary that records include all special circumstance convictions (ex: 190.2(a)(17) or 190.2(a)(3)) for each case

I have attempted to be as specific as possible in designating the public records we wish to obtain. We ask that these records are sent in spreadsheet form by email, if possible. I have attached a sample of a larger index of cases with information that was sufficient for our search, should you find it helpful.

If you find that our request is unclear or insufficiently focused, we request that you provide us with the assistance required Government Code Section 6250 et seq., including "assisting the member of the public to identify records and information that are responsive to the request or to the purpose of the request, if stated" and providing "suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought."

Because the California Coalition for Women Prisoners is a collection of grassroots/not-for-profit organizations we request that you waive any fees that would normally be applicable to this request. See North County Parents Organization v. Department of Education, 23 Cal. App. 4th 144 (1994). If you are unable to do so, please notify us before incurring any costs.

Please send your response in electronic format, as required by Government Code Section 6250 et seq. via electronic mail to dtrautfield@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for providing the records I have requested. Please feel free to contact me at (805) 291-3139 or at dtrautfield@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Daniel Trautfield dtrautfield@gmail.com (805) 291-3139

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Daniel Trautfield <dtrautfield@gmail.com> To: Joseph Charles <jcharles@smcgov.org> Cc: Sean Gallagher <sgallagher@smcgov.org> Tue, Jan 19, 2021 at 11:54 AM

Hi Mr. Charles,

Thank you so much for sending and for that additional information. On quick review of this spreadsheet, it does not appear that the special circumstance convictions (190.2 convictions) were included. This is the most important part of our request and the basis of our study. I would like to respectfully ask the county to include that information in this report and it will be totally complete. Thank you so much and let me know how I can be of service to you on this.

Thanks,

Daniel (805) 291-3139 [Quoted text hidden]

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Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 3:08 PM

Mr. Trautfied:

We are finalizing a revised version of the excel spreadsheet that is responsive to your PRA request. The revisions will note the special circumstances convictions. I should be able to get this to you within the next 48 hours. I hope that is satisfactory.

Joseph

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Thank you so much Mr, Charles,

Yes that will be great - I appreciate it.

Daniel [Quoted text hidden] Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 3:20 PM

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Mr. Trautfield:

Attached is the revised excel spreadsheet responsive to your PRA request. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me via email.

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Daniel Trautfield <dtrautfield@gmail.com> To: Joseph Charles <jcharles@smcgov.org> Cc: Sean Gallagher <sgallagher@smcgov.org> Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 3:23 PM

Thank you so much Mr. Charles, this looks great!

Daniel [Quoted text hidden]