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Public Records Request - Drop LWOP Coalition - Special Circumstances

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To: Dasbrecords@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 1:47 PM

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Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office

To Whom It May Concern:

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.

My name is Daniel Trautfield, I am a legislative coordinator with Drop LWOP, a coalition of grassroots and not-for-profit organizations whose mission is to educate the public about LWOP sentencing and advocate for just reforms. We are attempting to gather as much statistical information about LWOP 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.

Please provide:

1. Court Case numbers
2. Defendant Name
3. Disposition Date
4. Final Disposition summary (eg. pled guilty, found guilty)
5. Charges Convicted / penal codes for each case (eg. 187(a), 190.2(a)(3))
6. Any demographic information available including:
 - a. Race of defendant
 - b. Gender of defendant
7. Age at time of sentencing

Note: It is necessary that records include all special circumstance convictions for each case brought by the district attorneys office

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 included 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 Drop LWOP Coalition 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

Sample Case Summary:

CASE_ID_NUMBE	DEFENDENT_NAME	COMPLAINT_DATE	DOB	RACE	GENDER	FINAL_DISPOSITION	DISPOSITION_DATE	SENTENCING_DATE	ALL_GUILTY_CHARGES
C0000001	DOE, J	1/1/91	02/26/80	White	M	Found Guilty, Felony	02/04/19	09/28/01	COUNT 1: PC187(a) -- PC190.2(a)(17) -- PC190.2(a)(17)

Nelson, Casey <cnelson@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
To: "dtrautfield@gmail.com" <dtrautfield@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 29, 2020 at 4:56 PM

Please see attached records in response to your Public Records Act request. Should you have additional questions, please send them directly to me.

Best Regards,

Casey B. Nelson
Deputy District Attorney
1112 Santa Barbara Street
[Santa Barbara, CA 93101](#)

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Sat, Oct 31, 2020 at 11:26 PM

Thank You so much for getting this together.

Appreciate it,

-Daniel

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