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Re: California Public Records Act Request, DA Reference No. 19-67

Attorney Agarwal:

This is to update you on the status of your CPRA request (DA reference number 19-67) for training records related to jury selection.

On February 20, 2020, I updated you that we had completed the initial review of the thousands of electronic records that met the very general search-term parameters of your request. Within those voluminous records, we identified responsive records which needed to be analyzed for any lawful exemptions and privileges. Even under ideal conditions, the process has been and continues to be exceptionally time-intensive due to the scope of your request and the size of our office.

We are working as diligently and expeditiously as possible under the current pandemic crisis to complete your request. Please note that, in light of the rapidly evolving and unprecedented emergency situation concerning the spread of COVID-19, San Diego County has implemented the guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect the health and safety of San Diego County employees and residents. San Diego County is following, and will continue to follow, all orders issued by federal, state and local officials.

Because of these mandatory safety measures, along with the extent of your request, we will not be able to complete your request by the previously predicted date of April 30, 2020. We are making a great effort to complete your request within the next 90 days, which is July 23, 2020. I will update you on our progress on or before 60 days which is June 23, 2020. Please keep in mind that the current pandemic crisis may cause additional unexpected delays should circumstances change. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time as we continue to process your request as quickly as our resources allow while maintaining the required safety practices.

Once again, this Office endeavors to provide access to information concerning the conduct of the People's business. We reserve the right, however, to maintain the lawful confidentiality of our records, and to claim, enforce, and apply any and all applicable exemptions, privileges, and proscriptions against public disclosure of records, including, but not limited to, those listed in Article 2 of Government Code, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 3.5, the California Evidence, Civil Procedure and Penal Codes, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and those established by case law.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Best regards,

Patty Herian Deputy District Attorney