2-04/070.70 - Information Requests

Members of the media will frequently request information related to current ongoing events. Standard information that is permissible to release includes the following. However, such information should not be released if the disclosure of any item of information would endanger the safety of a person involved in an investigation (e.g., victim(s) or confidential informant(s)) or would endanger the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation.

- Arrestee information - name, current charge, occupation, and physical description;
    - Time and date of arrest, time and date of booking;
    - Location of arrest;
    - Factual circumstances surrounding the arrest (e.g., Penal Code violation(s));
- Booking information of Arrestee: amount of bail, time and manner of release;
    - Facility Location where the individual is held;
    - All charges the arrestee is being held upon (including, but not limited to, warrants, parole, and probation holds);
- Information regarding calls for service or requests for assistance:
    - Time, substance, location, and nature of response (provided that such information regarding crimes, alleged or committed, or any other incident is documented); and
    - Factual circumstances surrounding the crime or incident (e.g., Penal Code violation).
- Pursuant to a 1999 U.S. Supreme Court decision, no address of any crime victim shall be disclosed by a law enforcement agency as public information and an arrestee's home address shall not be released. Persons who claim a privilege to the information under a qualified exemption to the Public Records Act shall be referred to the Department's Public Records Act Unit.

The LASD Internet's Inmate Information Center webpage can be accessed by the public to search for individual inmate information.

Requests for on-going, long-term access to certain information (e.g., booking logs), or other more substantive requests should be made by the requestor through a California Public Records Act request.

NOTE: Pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328, information shall not be disclosed to the general public, including the news media, regarding any 5150 action when a person is taken into custody for a 72-hour detention and when no crime was involved.

In circumstances where both a crime and 5150 are alleged, information about 5150 activity shall be confidential. Information pertaining to criminal activity may be subject to disclosure after information regarding

5150 activity is deleted. See MPP section 3-09/090.30 for exceptions to the release of information.