Law Enforcement Data Workshop Scenarios

# Morning Adult Scenarios

1. You receive a request for a police report that contains names of the following individuals:
   * an undercover officer
   * an informant
   * an alleged crime victim (not CSC)
   * a juvenile witness
   * an adult witness

Should you redact any of these names from the report before providing it to the requester?

(**See Handout 105 - Protecting Certain Identities**)

What if the requester is a public defender asking for all data on her client? Can she have access to the full police report and other documentation?

1. An individual died after being shot in a private home, and police responded after receiving a 911 call. A suspect was arrested, and there is an ongoing active criminal investigation (section 13.82, subd. 7.) A local television reporter requested the following data. Can the reporter access the requested data?

* Names, dates of birth and cities of residence of witnesses to the shooting. Yes/No
* Name, date of birth and city of residence of the alleged shooter. Yes/No
* Brief reconstruction of the events associated with the shooting. Yes/No
* Address where the shooting took place. Yes/No
* Recording and transcript of the 911 call reporting the shooting. Yes/No

1. Your office received a request for all police reports about a specific individual. In the request form, the requester identified the individual’s name, address, and date of birth. The only data you have about the individual is related to an inactive criminal investigation where the individual was a victim of criminal sexual conduct. What data can you provide to the requester?
2. A city police department arrests a suspect in a robbery, and there is only one witness to the alleged crime. As the prosecutor considers charges, the witness says he won’t cooperate. The prosecutor drops the case.

Is the investigation active or inactive?

Are any data public?

Months later, the witness changes his mind and will testify. The prosecutor moves forward with the case.

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At trial, the suspect is convicted and sentenced to three years in prison. Is the investigation active or inactive?

18 months after conviction, the suspect wins his appeal and is exonerated. Is the investigation active or inactive?

1. A probation officer who frequently consults with your law enforcement agency asks for all records relating to an active investigation on one of his clients. “I think my guy violated his probation, but I need to know some details,” he says.

What data can you share with the probation officer?