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**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act Request: Wilmington PD homicide and shooting data  
**Date:** March 1, 2018 at 10:06 AM  
**To:** Riemann, Matthew (CJ) matthew.riemann@cj.state.de.us  
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Cpl. Riemann,

Thanks for the response. However, the spreadsheet you provided appears to lack several key categories data needed for our analysis, many of which the Wilmington Police Dept. has provided in response to other requests for data.

For instance, when providing us with a spreadsheet of the hate crime in Wilmington, since 2010, the Wilmington Police Dept. provided significant additional information, including: The time of the incident, the number of victims, the victim's race, the status of the case and if there has been an arrest. We would like to request all those fields along with a few other fields that have been easily provided by police departments across the country: the case number, the badge number of the initial responding officer, the badge number of the detective assigned to the case (if one was assigned), the age or DOB of the victim, if the victim was injured or killed, and the age and race of the person arrested and the date of the arrest (if there has been an arrest).

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions,  
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On Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 10:02 AM, Riemann, Matthew (CJ) <[matthew.riemann@cj.state.de.us](mailto:matthew.riemann@cj.state.de.us)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Attached are the shootings and homicides for the previous three years for the City of Wilmington.

I apologize for the long delay.

S/Cpl. Matthew Riemann  
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**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Wilmington PD homicide and shooting data

February 21, 2018

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on May 18, 2017. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On Oct. 5, 2017:

Hi Cpl. Riemann,

If the date is the issue - say you started a new system after 2005 - you don't have to go back to 2005. Just let me know.

Thanks,

Sarah Ryley

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On Oct. 5, 2017:

Hi Sarah,

I apologize for the delay. Because the records are going back to 2005, it is taking some time. I'm hoping to have something by the end of the week or early next week.

Thank you in advance.

Cpl. Matt Riemann

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On Aug. 6, 2017:

Hi Matthew,

I accidentally sent the following emails in response to the wrong request. My apologies.

Hi Matthew,

I am writing again to follow up on this request. Do you think you could get a response to me this week. To clarify my original request, I am only looking for raw data that is already maintained by the department. If there is information that I have requested that is not maintained in any database, then I have preemptively struck those portions from my request.

I have made identical requests to scores of agencies across the country. I have been more than willing to make amendments based on feedback. For example, if your department started using a new database at some point during the time period in my request, I could amend my request to conform to those dates.

Also, based on feedback from other agencies, I am told it's easier to isolate by offense than by weapon type. Therefore I could amend my request to all homicides, aggravated assaults, robberies and rapes (violent crimes under UCR Part 1 standards) with the weapon field included.

Please let me know if that is helpful.

Thank you,

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\*\*And\*\*

Hi Matthew,

I am just following up again on this request. Delawareonline.com seems to have data from the police department containing many fields responsive to my request:

<http://data.delawareonline.com/webapps/crime/>

What system does that data come from?

Thank you,

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On July 31, 2017:

Hi Matthew,

I'm writing to follow up on this request. I should also note, if the Wilmington PD started using new case management systems at some point in the middle of the time period stated in my request, I could amend my request to cover records just for those systems. Just let me know.

Thanks,

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On July 25, 2017:

Sarah,

I apologize for the delay. Because this request is extensive, I am requesting more time to fulfill this request. Because you are requesting extensive records that go back 12 years, we have to determine if we are able to provide all the information requested and if it is available.

Thank you.

Cpl. Matt Riemann

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On May 18, 2017:  
To whom it may concern:

Under the Delaware Public Records Law I am requesting data, preferably in .csv, .xls, .txt, or .xlsx format, pertaining to homicides and non-fatal shootings that have been handled by the Wilmington Police Department from Jan. 1, 2005 through the date in which this request is filled.

This data should include a record for each incident, and all fields disclosable under the law, including but not limited to:

- A unique identifier for the incident (i.e. incident ID)
- Unit assigned to the investigation
- Date of the incident
- Name(s) of the victim(s)
- Date of Birth of the victim(s)
- Race of the victim(s)
- Ethnicity of the victim(s) (i.e. Hispanic or Non-Hispanic)
- Gender of the victim(s)
- Address or location of the incident
- Weapon used
- Any other data pertaining to the circumstances surrounding the incident (i.e., motive, whether it was suspected gang or drug-related, narrative of incident)
- Status of the investigation (i.e., whether a suspect has been identified and an arrest made)
- Date of arrest
- Name(s) of suspect(s)
- Date of Birth of the suspect(s)
- Race of the suspect(s)
- Ethnicity of the suspect(s) (i.e. Hispanic or Non-Hispanic)
- Gender of the suspect(s)
- Responding officer
- Detective(s) assigned to the case
- Days investigation was active (i.e. Not a cold case)
- Number of responding officers
- Number of detectives assigned to the case
- Priority or solvability score

- I am also requesting any data dictionaries, glossary of terms, record layouts, etc. pertaining to the above database(s), that describe the database and define the fields and codes used in the database.

If one or more of the fields I requested above is not available in the Wilmington Police Department's database(s), please notify me via email and I will strike that field from my request. I am merely asking for all disclosable fields maintained in the Wilmington Police Department's database(s) that track homicide and non-fatal shooting investigations.

If there are fields that I did not request, but that are still disclosable under the Delaware Public Records Law, my request asks that you include those fields as well.

I would like to receive this information in digital, spreadsheet form, preferably in .csv, .xls, .txt, or .xlsx..

As a member of the media reporting on matters in the public interest, I am requesting a fee waiver and an expediting of my request. Since I am requesting records in their original electronic format whenever possible, I expect the costs, if any, to be limited.

The Attorney General has suggested that responses should issue within 10 days after receiving a request, absent special circumstances requiring a longer delay. Del. Op. Att'y Gen., No. 91I003 (Feb. 1, 1991). If the requested information is not exempt, agencies must give "reasonable" access to records during "regular business hours and [at the] place of business." 29 Del. C. §§ 10003(a), 10112(b)(3).

If you redact any fields in the database, please cite the specific fields and the exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information.

I am requesting that communication regarding this request be conducted via email, and that the request be filled via email, which I am entitled to under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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