
[EXTERNAL]RE: Public Records Request

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Date Fri 8/15/2025 3:47 PM

To Richard Konda <rkonda@asianlawalliance.org>; Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com>

Dear Richard and Aram,

The County received your August 11, 2025 renewed request for "body-worn camera and taser digital footage" related to the Sheriff's Office Taser Pilot. Generally, body worn camera footage is collected as a record of investigation or to be part of an investigatory file, and as such is exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Government Code sections 7923.600-7923.625. Senate Bill 1421 amended Penal Code 832.7(b)(1)(A)(ii) and Assembly Bill 748 added Government Code section 7923.625, both intended to provide greater transparency into the actions of law enforcement officers following significant use of force incidents. As intended, the latter "[e]stablishes a standard for the release of body-worn camera footage by balancing privacy interests with the public's interest in the footage." (Conc. in Sen. Amendments, Analysis of AB 748 (2017-2018 Reg. Sess.). In response to concerns about privacy, the burdens on local agencies, and the potential for disclosure to interfere with successful investigation, the legislature "limited [the] bill to 'critical incidents,' defined as an incident involving the discharge of a firearm at a person by a peace officer or custodial officer, or an incident in which the use of force by a peace officer or custodial officer against a person resulted in death or in great bodily injury." (Assem. Com. on Privacy and Consumer Protection, Analysis of Assem. Bill No. 748 (2017-2018 Reg. Sess.) as amended Aug. 23, 2018, p. 8.). No use of force involving a conducted energy device (CED or Taser) during the Sheriff's Office pilot period has resulted in great bodily injury. As such, these incidents do not fall within the statutory exception for disclosure.

Should any CED deployment result in great bodily injury in the future, the Sheriff's Office will release the related records on its [public transparency portal](#). While the Sheriff's Office remains committed to transparency, it is equally committed to protecting the privacy rights of individuals in custody and ensuring that sensitive footage is not disclosed when prohibited by law and avoiding disclosure when it may cause a violation of privacy for those in custody.

As noted in your letter, the Sheriff's Office continues to engage with the Office of Correction and Law Enforcement Monitoring (OCLEM) and federal monitors, and employs a robust internal review process to ensure rigorous oversight and community input. At the conclusion of the six-month pilot program in October, the Sheriff's Office intends to present a thorough report to the Board of Supervisors and the community regarding the pilot, to include oversight and results.

For these reasons, your request for video footage of taser deployments in custody is respectfully denied. As I write this email, you sent a new public records request to my office (received August 15) for records regarding a specific incident involving a taser on August 7. I will review and respond to that request separately. Please note my County Counsel's Office email address for future correspondence.

Thank you.

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