

Deliverable 1

For Deliverable One, we have completed parsing the data that was collected by three previous groups in this class and have conducted a preliminary analysis of this data. The two data files provided were titled cases.json and cases_appeals.json. These files have information on cases from the state of Massachusetts with no apparent repeat mentions of cases. The data files had information on 2561 cases. Of these 2561 cases, 97 mention at least one of the following: *confidential informant*, *ci*, *snitch*, *informant*, and *gang informant*. The following is the breakdown of how many times each key word is mentioned in the headnotes and text of each document:

Confidential Informant: 17,49

CI: 0,11

Snitch: 0, 6

Informant 24, 85

Government Informant: 1,4

Here below are examples of quotes from the court reports explaining the role the informant had in the case:

"Acting on information provided by a confidential informant, the Boston police apprehended, searched, and arrested the juvenile, D.M., on firearm-related charges.", "Before a pretrial suppression hearing in the Juvenile Court, the juvenile sought an order requiring the Commonwealth to disclose the identity of its informant and other related information. The Commonwealth asserted that it was privileged not to disclose the information, see Commonwealth v. Bonnett,""

In this case, the information provided by a confidential informant is the reason why police begin to investigate the situation.

"The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree on a theory of deliberate premeditation.", "b. Disclosure of the confidential informant.

Verdict determined by the information provided by confidential informant.

Around 1:00 or 1:30 P.M. on March 28, 2003, the State police received a tip from a confidential informant \indicating that two fugitives for whom warrants [", "] had been issued in connection with a shooting incident were located at a particular address on Gibbs Street in Worcester.\", "Officers were promptly dispatched to establish surveillance at that location, which was 36A Gibbs Street."

The location of the individuals avoiding arrest was obtained by a confidential informant.

As we go into the next deliverable, we are hoping to be able to get more data for we can have a larger set to be able to discover trends with.