



New York University  
*A private university in the public service*

School of Law

40 Washington Square South, Suite 419  
New York, NY 10012-1099  
Phone: (212) 998-6672  
FAX: (212) 995-4341  
e-mail: erin.murphy@nyu.edu

*Erin Murphy*  
*Professor of Law*

**Received**

**JUL 10 2018**

**Maine State Police  
Crime Lab**

June 29, 2018

Attn: Crime Lab  
Maine State Police  
42 State House Station  
45 Commerce Drive  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0042

To the Maine State Police Crime Lab:

Pursuant to the Maine Freedom of Access Act § 402 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that **provide the demographic characteristics of your state level (SDIS) DNA database. Specifically, I am seeking a snapshot in time of: 1) the total number of DNA profiles held in the convicted offender and arrested offender databases; 2) the percentage or number of those profiles that belong to females versus males; 3) the percentage or number of those profiles that fall within specific racial and ethnic categories, in terms of the major racial/ethnic groups (e.g., Caucasian/White, African-American/Black, Hispanic, Asian, etc.).** I do not seek any personally identifying or individualized information; I only want an aggregate statistic. I also recognize that the composition of the database may change day-to-day, which is why I ask only for a recent snapshot at any moment in time (ideally within the last year). Finally, I prefer to receive the information according to the categories described (convicted offender and arrestee) but will accept data that combines those groups.

If there are any fees for searching or providing these records, then I request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information I seek is not primarily in my commercial interest and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, making the disclosure a matter of public interest.

Should you deny my request, or any part of the request, please state in writing the basis for the denial, including the exact statutory citation authorizing the denial.

I will contact your office to discuss when I may expect fulfillment of my request, and payment of any statutorily prescribed fees. If you have any questions in the interim, you may contact me at 212-998-6672 or erin.murphy@nyu.edu.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Murphy". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erin" and last name "Murphy" clearly legible.

Erin Murphy

**Maine State Police Crime Lab - Offender SEX and RACE from Filtered DNA SAMPLES Report on 7-10-18.xlsx**

Date report run: 7/10/2018 10:55:42 AM

Tally = 33,711

%	#	Sex
82.7%	27,894	M
17.0%	5,734	F
0.2%	83	U

33,711

M = male

F = female

U = unknown

%	#	Race
92.8%	31,298	W
3.9%	1,299	B
1.4%	470	U
1.0%	345	I
0.5%	171	H
0.4%	128	A

33,711

W = white

B = black

U = unknown

I = native american

H = hispanic

A = asian