

A government employee (Ricardo) who has access to confidential property tax records and a researcher (Beth) who has limited access to non-specific numerical data. In this scenario the researcher would like to get more specific information to assist with her study however, this information is confidential and should not be released without the consent of the individuals by Ricardo due to violation of privacy and organizational policies. In a scenario where Ricardo is responsible, he should determine whether the individuals have opted to be included in a research study or for further questioning, and if they have not, their information should not be passed on to Beth, regardless of her research. Privacy of individuals when it involves such highly personal information should not be passed on to individuals without consent. Lastly, if Beth cannot gain the required number of respondents, her study will have to be restructured as continuing with this method will result in her study being compromised.