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RE: Request for Records - P011970-111623 - Records Compiled, Clarification Necessary

Pacific County received your Request for Records on 11/16/2023 regarding: "Under the Washington Public Records Act, §42.56 et seq., I am requesting the following records: Monthly counts of vehicle pursuits involving the Pacific County Sheriff's Office from 1/1/19 through 11/30/23. Where possible, I would like the records provided electronically. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. The Washington Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within five (5) business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. If you deny part or all of my request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law."

The Pacific County Sheriff's Office did not have a document that exist to reflect "monthly counts of vehicle pursuits" for the timeframe. As such, they have solicited the Radiolog, Call Taker and other data points in Spillman for the date frame along with keywords (vehicle pursuit, pursuit(s), attempt-stop).

There are 6 responsive records. Case numbers by year are:

19-2626
19-7729
20-6528
21-3482
22-4670
23-6442

In order to fulfill your request, Pacific County requires clarification. When the following clarification is submitted, Pacific County will make every reasonable effort to respond as promptly as possible to your request:

Please clarify: While you request a *count*, you also state "I would like the records provided electronically". Do you desire to receive each of these mentioned pursuit reports electronically?

RCW 42.56.520: In acknowledging receipt of a public record request that is unclear, an agency [...] may ask the requestor to clarify what information the requestor is seeking. If the requestor fails to respond to an agency request to clarify the request, and the entire request is unclear, the agency [...] need not respond to it. Otherwise, the agency must respond, pursuant to this section, to those portions of the request that are clear.



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WAC 44-14-04003 subsection 8: [...] If the requestor fails to clarify an entirely unclear request, the agency need not respond to it further. [...] However, an agency must respond to those parts of a request that are clear. If the requestor does not respond to the agency's request for a clarification within thirty days of the agency's request or other specified time, the agency may consider the request abandoned. If the agency considers the request abandoned, it should send a closing letter to the requestor if it has not already explained when it will close a request due to lack of response by the requestor.

In accordance with RCW 42.56.520 and WAC 44-14-04003 we will respond as follows to your request if you do not submit the necessary clarification by 2/3/2024: As it is unclear and to ensure we provide fullest assistance, we will review and appropriately redact each of the reports and provide them.

We anticipate providing the record(s) to you within 20 business days of our receipt of your clarification. Should your clarification identify more records than we can provide in 20 business days, we will communicate an adjusted timeframe to you. Please be aware that the response time being provided to you is an approximation only. Pacific County will make every reasonable effort to respond as promptly as possible to your request.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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