


# P022474-060724 - Police Department Records Request

## Message History (7)

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 On 8/26/2024 3:14:02 PM, Bellingham Public Records wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

**Body:**

Good afternoon,

Please find attached to your GOV.QA account a list of our reports the include the word "Pursuit" in the narrative in response to your request for records under point 1.

We are continuing to work on the summaries you have listed in point 3 of your request and will need more time to assemble the responsive records. For this reason, we expect to have your responsive records ready on or before September 27, 2024.

Best regards,

Records Bureau

✉ On 8/5/2024 8:15:13 PM, Bellingham Public Records wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

**Body:**

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of June 07, 2024, Reference # P022474-060724

Dear Heather Kelly,

The Bellingham Police Department received a public records request from you on June 07, 2024. You requested the following public records:

**"Under the Washington Public Records Act, §42.56 et seq., I am requesting any/all of the following records from the Bellingham Police Department:**

- 1) A list of all vehicle pursuit incidents that your agency was involved in from 2019 through 2023, as a line-level data extract from your records management system (RMS), including incident date, report number, and any/all other RMS data fields that are not required to be redacted by law;**
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- 3) Summaries of vehicle pursuit data for your agency, such as what may be contained in internal and/or external publications (annual reports, newsletters, presentations to government officials, etc.) produced between 2019 through 2023.**

**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."**

We had previously anticipated having your records available for release on or before this week. However, due to staffing issues we are unable to meet that timeline.

We now reasonably anticipate having records available on or before 8/27/24.

Should we have records available prior to that date we will provide them as we are able. Conversely, should we need to extend our reasonable time estimate we will let you know as soon as possible.

You may contact the City's designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8276, if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,  
Bellingham Police Records Division

✉ On 7/3/2024 6:47:03 PM, Bellingham Public Records wrote:

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We had previously anticipated having your records available for release on or before this week. However, due to staffing issues we are unable to meet that timeline.

We now reasonably anticipate having records available on or before August 5, 2024.

Should we have records available prior to that date we will provide them as we are able. Conversely, should we need to extend our reasonable time estimate we will let you know as soon as possible.

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✉ On 6/10/2024 3:06:01 PM, Bellingham Public Records wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

**Body:**

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I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request and to provide a reasonable estimate of the time the City will need to respond to it.

The first installment of records is available for you to review or download. These records answer the second point of your request.

Please log in to the [Public Records Center](#) at the following link to retrieve electronic copies of the records.

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We continue to process your request and anticipate that the next installment of records will be available on or before June 27, 2024.

If you have any questions about our response please reach out to the City's Designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8270.

Sincerely,

Bellingham Police Records Division

✉ On 6/10/2024 2:28:00 AM, Bellingham Public Records wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

**Body:**

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I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request and to provide a reasonable estimate of the time the City will need to respond to it. The City needs additional time to locate and assemble the records requested and to determine whether any of the requested records are exempt and that a denial should be made as to all or part of the request. For these reasons, I estimate that the City will need approximately 12 weeks in order to respond to your request.

Please note that the police department may also exercise its right to provide the responsive records in installments as they become available.

You may contact the City's designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8276, if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

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## Bellingham Police Records Division

✉ On 6/7/2024 4:17:30 PM, Bellingham Public Records wrote:



Dear Heather Kelly:

*Please note that while staff continue to provide the fullest assistance to all requestors, our response times may be delayed due to staffing shortages across the city as a result of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. Your patience is very much appreciated.*

Thank you for your interest in public records of Bellingham Police Department. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the State of Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW. Your request was received in this office on 6/7/2024 and given the reference number P022474-060724 for tracking purposes.

**Records Requested:** Under the Washington Public Records Act, §42.56 et seq., I am requesting any/all of the following records from the Bellingham Police Department:

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Not all public documents are available in electronic format. If the document(s) requested are not available electronically, we will make them available for inspection or by paper copy in accordance with the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant department(s) to locate the information you seek and to determine the volume and any costs associated with satisfying your request. You will be contacted about the availability and/or provided with copies of the records in question. PLEASE NOTE: The State of Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW, does not require a governmental body to create new information, to do legal research, or to answer questions.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the Public Records Center.

Bellingham Police Department

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To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)



 On 6/7/2024 4:17:30 PM, Heather Kelly wrote:

Request Created on Public Portal