

# S016186-112823 - Sheriff Public Records Request

## Message History (8)

✉ On 4/26/2024 6:44:48 AM, Spokane County Public Records Center wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Sheriff Public Records Request :: S016186-112823

**Body:**

Heather J Kelly:

I'm writing to update you on your public records request assigned reference code S016186-112823. An installment of responsive records are now available for download in the "My Request Center" of the public records portal. Instructions for downloading the files follows:

1. Navigate to the Spokane County Public Records Center by following the blue "Public Records Center" hyperlink contained in the footer of this email.
2. Log in with your user name and password. You will be taken directly into this request.
3. Click on the "Download All" button directly above the blue "Files" box.

**\*If you have a pop-up blocker, you will need to allow pop-ups for this site in order for the files to download. After they have downloaded, if the files do not open automatically, they will appear in your computer's "Downloads" folder.**

The Spokane County Sheriff's Office is obligated to provide records in accordance with the Washington State Public Records Act. Please note that the records you have requested may contain images and/or descriptions of events that are considered graphic in nature and may not be suitable for children or those who are sensitive to such material.

This is the Spokane County Sheriff's Office final and definitive response to this request. This request is considered closed.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you want to pick up printed copies of the records from the Public Safety Building, you must call 509-477-6926 at least one business day before you plan to arrive so that we can have the records ready for you. Depending on the number of pages, printing charges may apply.**

Sincerely,  
JOHN F. NOWELS, Sheriff  
Spokane County

SK  
Public Records Specialist

✉ On 3/5/2024 1:28:58 PM, Spokane County Public Records Center wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Sheriff Public Records Request :: S016186-112823

**Body:**

Hi Heather,

My apologies, this should not have been closed. When I was looking at your request I saw that I provided you information from 2023 and thought I had completed the request. However, with further review, you are correct, I only provided you with 2019-2020. We have to pull the information from two separate programs and I realized that I have not completed pulling information from IA Pro, which will contain 2021 through the first half of 2023.

As such, we reasonably believe that your next installment of records will be available on or before **April 26, 2024**. If public records become available in advance of this estimate, we will let you know. Conversely, if staff encounters a need to extend our estimate, we will advise accordingly.

Sincerely,

SK  
Public Records Specialist

↩ On 3/5/2024 12:17:32 PM, Heather J Kelly wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for the update. The records in the first installment appear to span 2019 and 2020, but I requested vehicle pursuit counts through 11/23 so I wanted to clarify - Did the Sheriff's Office stop tracking pursuits at some point?

Best,  
Heather Kelly

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 On 3/4/2024 7:33:23 AM, Spokane County Public Records Center wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Sheriff Public Records Request :: S016186-112823

**Body:**

Heather J Kelly:

This message is to provide an update on your public records request assigned reference code S016186-112823.

In looking over your request again, it seems I provided you with all responsive records in the first installment. As such, this is the Spokane County Sheriff's Office final and definitive response to this request. The file regarding this matter is considered closed. My apologies for any confusion.

Sincerely,  
JOHN F. NOWELS, Sheriff  
Spokane County

SK  
Public Records Specialist

✉ On 2/2/2024 8:17:13 AM, Spokane County Public Records Center wrote:

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**Body:**

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The Spokane County Sheriff's Office is obligated to provide records in accordance with the Washington State Public Records Act. Please note that the records you have requested may contain images and/or descriptions of events that are considered graphic in nature and may not be suitable for children or those who are sensitive to such material.

Please claim your installment by reviewing or downloading the available records. If this installment has not been claimed within 30 days, or by **March 3, 2024**, this request will be considered abandoned and will be administratively closed as of that date. Once the available installment has been claimed, we will provide you with the estimated date of the next installment. To schedule an appointment to view the records in person at no charge, please call us at 509-477-6926.

Sincerely,  
JOHN F. NOWELS, Sheriff  
Spokane County

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Public Records Specialist

✉ On 12/4/2023 7:39:04 AM, Spokane County Public Records Center wrote:

**Subject:** [Records Center] Sheriff Public Records Request :: S016186-112823

**Body:**

Heather J Kelly:

In accordance with the Public Records Act, RCW 42.56.520, this message acknowledges receipt of your public records request, received by Spokane County on 11/28/2023. This request has been assigned reference code S016186-112823. Please include this code in any communications concerning this request.

Specifically, you requested:

*“Under the Washington Public Records Act, §42.56 et seq., I am requesting the following records:*

*Monthly counts of vehicle pursuits involving the Spokane 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.*

*Thanks for your assistance!*

*Sincerely,*

*Heather Kelly”*

Our procedure is to locate records, review them for exemptions, and then prepare them for your inspection or copying. Due to the potential volume of records that may be responsive to this request, as well as the complexity of identifying and gathering the records, we anticipate processing this request in installments. We are currently processing over 750 active requests. This does mean that it can take time to process requests, but we work to provide requestors with installments of their records on a timely basis.

We reasonably anticipate an installment/requested records will be available on or before **February 2, 2024**. If public records become available in advance of this estimate, we will let you know. Conversely, if staff encounters a need to extend our estimate, we will advise accordingly.

With respect to audio recordings, please be advised that Spokane Regional Emergency Communications ("SREC") is the custodian of 911/Crime Check audio recordings as well as audio recordings of radio traffic. If you are attempting to obtain audio recordings of 911/Crime Check calls and/or radio traffic, you need to submit a separate request to SREC directly via the following link: <https://srec911.com/>

Finally, please be advised that there may be fees associated with the copying of public records. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with Spokane County's Public Records Request Policy and Fee Schedule, which can be found in the FAQs section.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. NOWELS, Sheriff  
Spokane County

SK  
Public Records Specialist

✉ On 11/28/2023 2:01:35 PM, Spokane County Public Records Center wrote:



Dear Heather J Kelly:

Thank you for your interest in public records of Spokane County. 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 11/28/2023 and given the reference number S016186-112823 for tracking purposes.

**Records Requested:** Under the Washington Public Records Act, §42.56 et seq., I am requesting the following records:

Monthly counts of vehicle pursuits involving the Spokane County Sheriff's Office from 1/1/19 through 11/30/23.

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the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thanks for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Heather Kelly

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.

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Spokane County

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



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 On 11/28/2023 2:01:34 PM, Heather J Kelly wrote:

Request Created on Public Portal