LA Criminal Sentencing Research

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## Target questions from GitHud Master

* Can we compile a list of justice data sets?
* Where does criminal sentencing data live?
* Who owns it?
* Is it published anywhere?
* How do we get it? OR
* How do we request it?

# Notes:

### What I discovered:

## Primary Databases:

**Trial Court Information System (TCIS)**

Since 1987, the Los Angeles County Municipal courts have been successfully using **TCIS** to monitor caseloads in the criminal courts.TCIS provides case tracking for the criminal courts and shares case management information with other judicial agencies such as the District Attorney's Office. It exchanges data daily with TCIS regarding upcoming hearing dates and filing of Complaints and Informations. PIMS provides TCIS with case filings while TCIS sends PIMS dates of upcoming court proceedings.

**Prosecutor's Information Management System** (PIMS)

**Definition**

**PIMS** is a computer-based system developed in DB2 and COBOL using a local area network (LAN) to connect personal computers and a mainframe computer in support of case management functions. The District Attorney's Office uses the Prosecutor's Information Management System (PIMS) for calendar tracking, document preparation and data exchange with TCIS. . It exchanges data daily with TCIS regarding upcoming hearing dates and filing of Complaints and Informations. PIMS provides TCIS with case filings while TCIS sends PIMS dates of upcoming court proceedings.

**PIMS** is divided into several subsystems:

* + - Adult Case Management,
    - Adult Subpoena Management,
    - Associated Case Management,
    - Court Case Number Management,
    - Juvenile Case Management

## Additional Systems

* **CasePlus**
* **Paradox database**
* Proactive Information Exchange (**PIX**), system which exchanges data between PIMS and other criminal justice agencies.
* **AJIS** Now after an arrest, case information is recorded in, the Sheriff's Department's computer system, and is electronically made available to PIMS
* **CALR** Usage (for DAs only) LBC

Summary :

The process for DA’s to utilize the varies day-to day. On a case wrap up a DA updates PIMS or TCIS with decision, verdict, judge, location…

Generally a DA accesses data as needed. The system is for internal use only. A request for Public Access must be use to attain data.

A flow of data diagram is attached: