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Status of Public Records Requests Made Pursuant to Senate Bills 1421 and 16 (SB 1421 and SB 16)

This report provides an update on the status of public record requests and documents produced pursuant to California Penal Code § 832.7, commonly known as “SB 1421 and SB 16 records.”¹ The Department of Police Accountability (DPA) publishes SB 1421 and SB 16 records in an online portal at <https://sfdpa.nextrequest.com/>.

Total Cases Released: 59
Total Pages Released: 42,151

Report Date: April 20, 2022

Data Run Date: April 13, 2022

SB 1421 and SB 16 Requests and Productions			
Use of Force			
Officer-Involved Shooting	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	19	19	0
Pages Released	28,320	28,320	0
Great Bodily Injury	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	38	38	0
Pages Released	10,515	10,515	0
Unreasonable or Excessive Force	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	0	0	0
Pages Released	0	0	0
Failure to Intervene Against Unreasonable Force	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	0	0	0
Pages Released	0	0	0
Sexual Assault			
Sexual Assault ²	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	0	0	0
Pages Released	0	0	0

¹ Until January 1, 2022, Penal Code § 832.7 required confidentiality for peace officer personnel records except in four categories: (1) officer involved shooting investigations, (2) uses of force that cause great bodily harm, (3) sustained findings of sexual assault, or (4) sustained findings of dishonesty. Records in these four categories are called “SB 1421” records after the 2019 senate bill that made them disclosable. On January 1, 2022, Senate Bill 16 (“SB 16”) expanded these disclosable categories to include: (5) sustained findings of unreasonable or excessive force, (6) sustained findings of failure to intervene against another officer using excessive force, (7) sustained findings of unlawful arrest or search, and (8) sustained findings of biased policing.

² No DPA records qualify for production in this category.

Unlawful Arrest or Search			
	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Unlawful Arrest or Search	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	0	1	1
Pages Released	0	778	778
Dishonesty			
	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Dishonesty	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	1	1	0
Pages Released	2,538	2,538	0
Biased Policing			
	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Biased Policing	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Cases Released	0	0	0
Pages Released	0	0	0

Case Eligibility Review Across All Categories³			
	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Exempt Case Determinations	611	621	10
Record Requests Across All Categories			
	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Received ⁴	121	124	3
Closed	46	49	3
Pending ⁵	75	75	0
Media File Productions Across All Categories			
	3/09/2022	4/13/2022	Difference
Audio Files (Minutes)	2,530	2887	357
Video Files (Minutes)	18	3	21

³ Cases are reviewed to determine eligibility for disclosure in response to requests for specific officer or incident records and global requests for all records that fall within an SB 1421 or SB 16 category.

⁴ Includes 14 global requests for all disclosable records.

⁵ DPA is responding to global requests for all disclosable records and similar voluminous requests on a rolling basis.