

California Police Records Access Project Update

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This is the secret system that covers up police misconduct — and ensures problem officers can get hired again

By **Katey Rusch** and **Casey Smith** | Updated Sept. 24, 2024 1:01 p.m.



*<https://www.sfchronicle.com/projects/2024/police-clean-record-agreements/>

California Police Records Access Project (PRA)

- Collect, Organize, Publish Police-related documents
- Catalysts were **SB 16, SB 1421** - funding & record disclosure
- Organize Documents into “Cases”: OIS, UOF, Misconduct
- >500,000 files (20 TB) and growing

California PRA: Partners



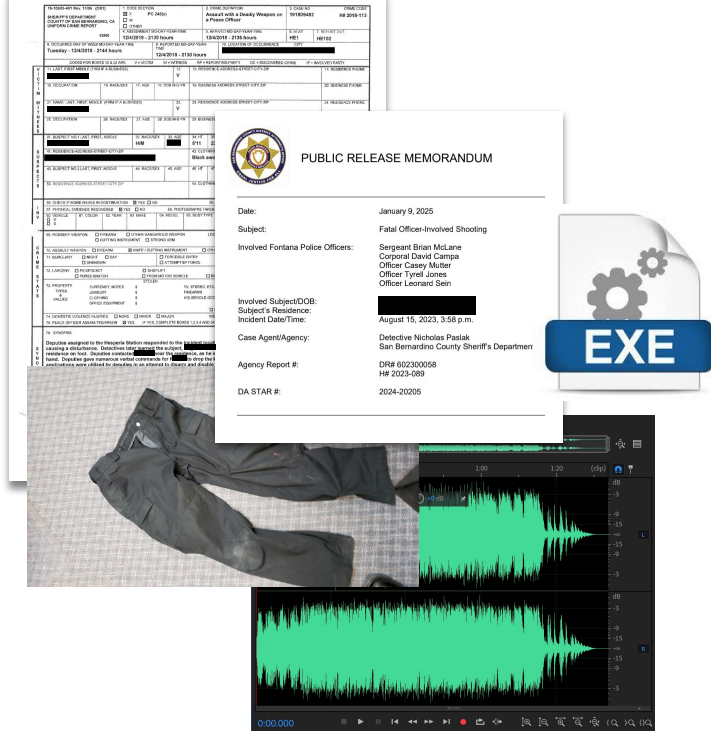
Police Records: Corpus

- Transcripts, Reports, Forms, Correspondence
- Bodycam, Photos, Interrogations, Evidence
- Misc formats



Police Records: Example

- One Case (of 21 for an Agency) contains:
 - 1,640 files
 - 297 PDF's
 - Total pages = 597
 - Average length = 1
 - 1,294 Image files (jpg, png)
 - 47 Video files (mp4, avi)
 - 1 audio file (mpeg)
 - 1 .exe file (???)



California PRA: Goal and Scope

- Case = Who + What + When



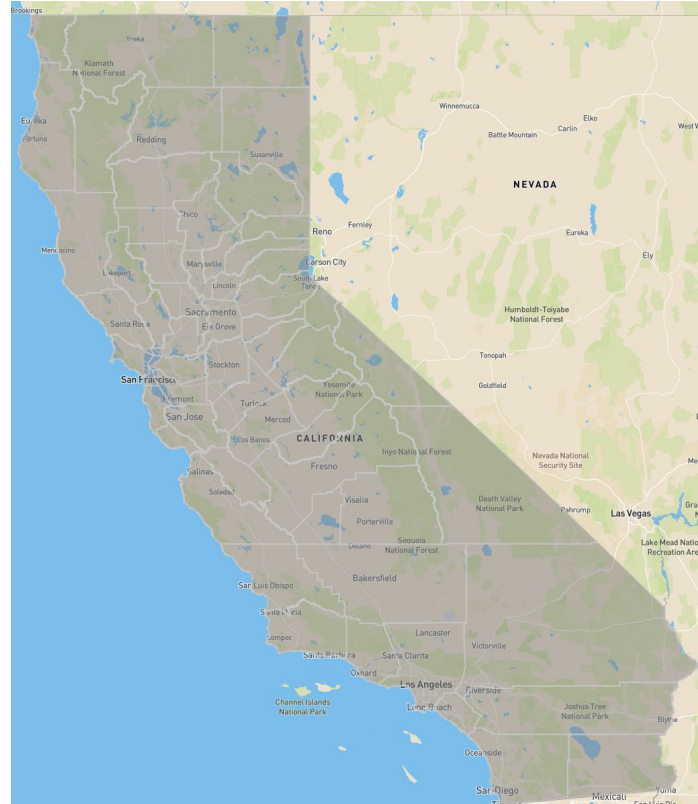
For Ex: Officer Smith Shot John Doe 4/1/2017 (OIS)

- Goal:

- Create Structured Data
- Link Files to Cases
- Publish online as Searchable DB

- Scope: State of California

- 58 Counties
- Local PD, County Sheriffs, College PD, Corrections
- Regional Agencies (BART, CHP, etc.)



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to me, correct me if I'm wrong, is you failed to write the truth about what happened that night on your narrative of your report is 'cause you were being lazy?

HASTINGS

Yes, sir. I, I mean, you know, I mean it's, i-..., I'm, I'm not trying to make an excuse or anything like that...

Transcribed Interview

Um, wh-..., you're gonna read it anyways, you're gonna get copies or Mr. Barrie's gonna get a copy of this um, what I'm being told by both is Alex walks up the door, know you his name off hand um, it's a stepdad to [REDACTED] not her real dad know your, this is what they're telling me, your window to the PT C registered owner and the lady overhears it and she walks to the door I'm the registered owner, oh your window's down and she's like ok registration or nothing just the window's down and um, is [REDACTED] h putting her kids down, hears the conversation and walks out and then said, you know, hey I see you got a warrant for arrest, can I come and talk to me and she goes outside and you issue her the citation and to me, correct me if I'm wrong, is you failed to write the truth about narrative of your report is 'cause you were being lazy?

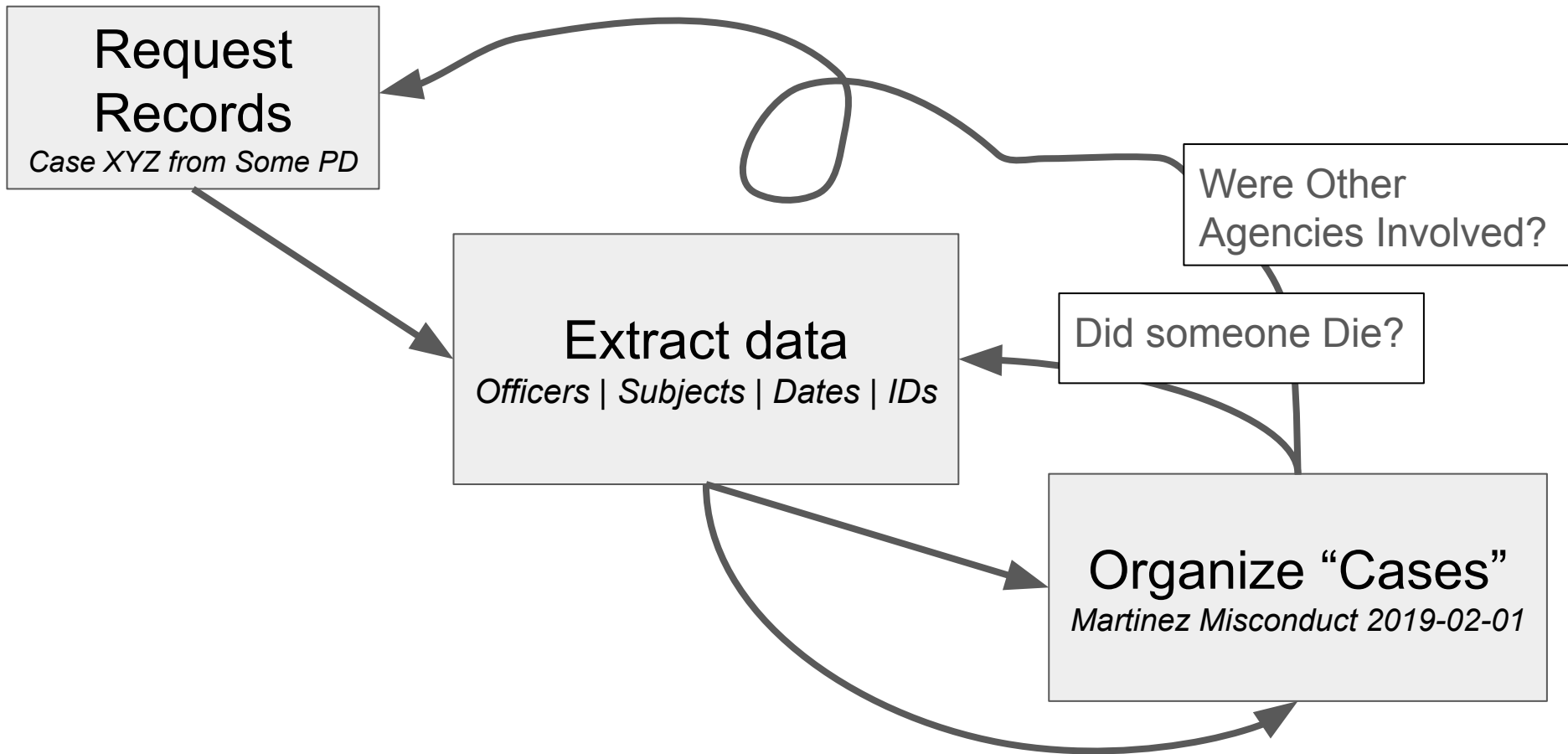
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Yes, sir. I, I mean, you know, I mean it's, i-..., I'm, I'm not trying to make an excuse or anything like that...

But, you know, I've been having a pretty tough time with my, with my girlfriend, we've been going through some problems, I mean, I don't, I, I don't know...

BRADFORD

I understand.



Problems & Challenges: Clustering Case Files

- Highly Heterogeneous Content
- Multiple documents merged into single PDF
- Handwriting, Redaction, Noisy OCR

Problems & Challenges: Entity Resolution

- **Different** Officers have the **same** name, **same** employer, at **same** time
- 1 Officer → N Different Cases
- On 6/17/2019: **5** different individuals named Jose Martinez interacted with LAPD
- Officers “migrate” between different Agencies



Pipeline Overview: What are we clustering Files on?

- Primary Strategy: Filepath and filename metadata
 - Extracting: **Case ID's**, Names, Dates
- Secondary Strategy: Extract Features from File Content (OCR):
 - Officer names
 - Subject names
 - Incident dates
 - Case identifiers
- Fallback: LLM Summarization of File Content (OCR)
 - Pairwise comparison between chunked file summaries via prompt

What's In Progress/Upcoming

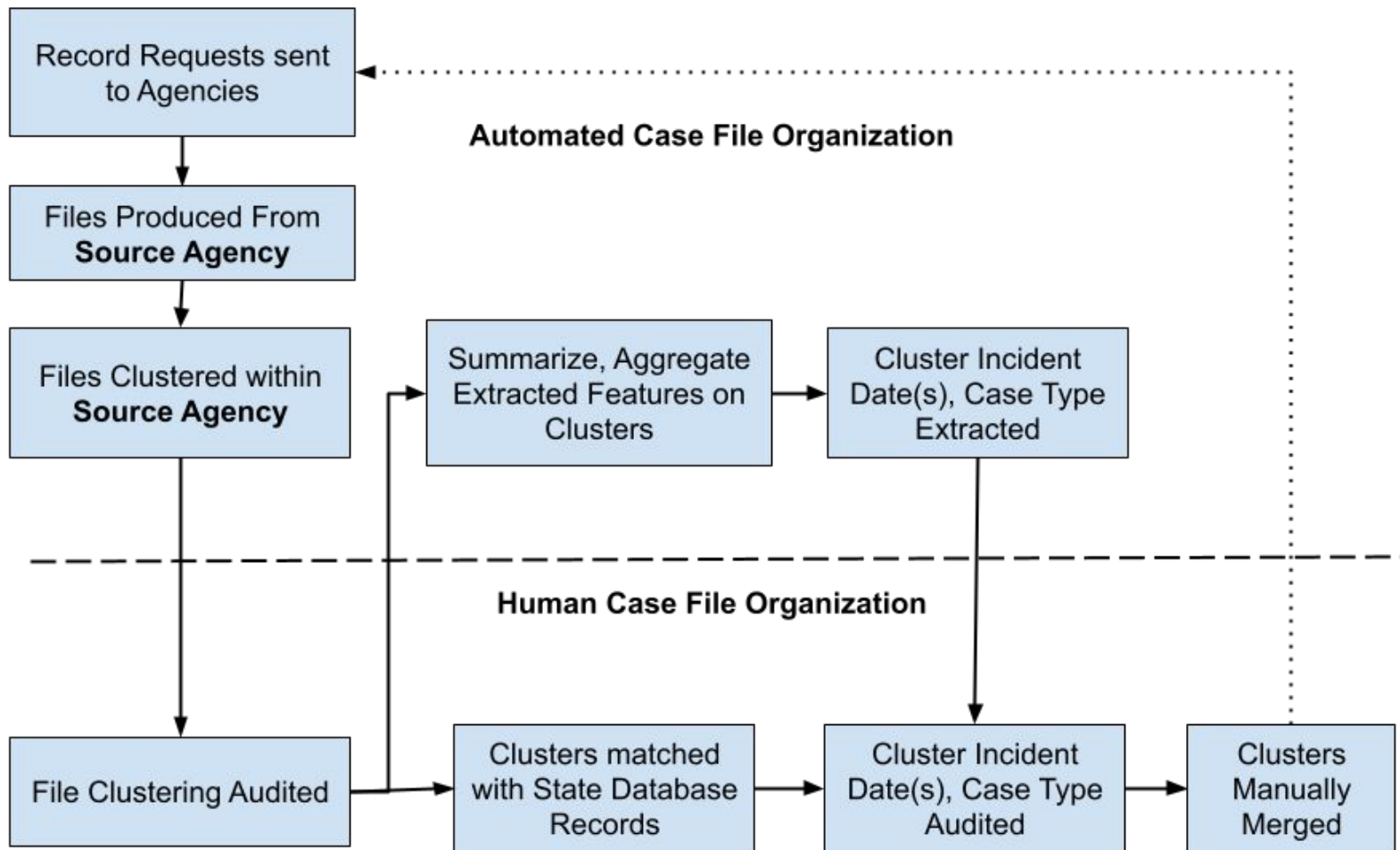
- Entity Resolution for Officers, Involved Agencies
- Automate candidate links to State Database Records
- Automate consolidation/merging of clusters ("cases")
- Document Classification (PDF document/pagerange types)
- PII, Violent Imagery Classification
- Reliably Detect, Split "Multi-Case" PDF Files
- Cluster on extracted features for Multimedia File Content
- Implement HIL Agentic Framework for public records request workflow
- Supervised learning pipeline

Stop by Our Poster for more Info!

_ Parking lot things to mention

- Why is misclassifying something Misconduct bad
- How do we manage costs for LLM
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_What are Police Records: Sample



Police Records: Sample



PUBLIC RELEASE MEMORANDUM

Date: January 9, 2025

Subject: Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting

Involved Fontana Police Officers: Sergeant Brian McLane
Corporal David Campa
Officer Casey Mutter
Officer Tyrell Jones
Officer Leonard Sein

Involved Subject/DOB: Alejandro Diaz, 02/05/1978

Subject's Residence: Fontana, California

Incident Date/Time: August 15, 2023, 3:58 p.m.

Case Agent/Agency: Detective Nicholas Psiaki
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

Agency Report #: DR# 602300058
H# 2023-089

DA STAR #: 2024-20205

15-10603-401 Rev. 11/04 (CR1)		1. CODE SECTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		2. CRIME DEFINITION Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer		3. CASE NO 191809482		CRIME CODE H# 2018-113	
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CA UNIFORM CRIME REPORT		4. ASSIGNMENT MO-DAY-YEAR-TIME 0300 12/4/2018 - 2130 hours		5. ARRIVED MO-DAY-YEAR-TIME 12/4/2018 - 2136 hours		6. I/AT HE1		7. REPORT DUT. HE102	
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CODES FOR BOXES 12 & 22 ARE: V = VICTIM W = WITNESS RP = REPORTING PARTY DC = DISCOVERED CRIME IP = INVOLVED PARTY									
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15. OCCUPATION		16. RACE/SEX		17. AGE		18. DOB MO-D-YR		19. BUSINESS ADDRESS-STREET-CITY-ZIP	
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