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Re: Open Records Request related to the Public Safety Assessment

To whom it may concern:

The Pennington County Clerk of Courts received your open records request. They referred that request to our local MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Manager, who also handles many of the Public Safety Assessment duties. In turn, she requested assistance of this office in determining how South Dakota law applies to your request.

The purpose of this letter is to comply with SDCL §1-27-37(1)(c), (2) and (3). We will not be able to fulfill this request within 10 days as contemplated by statute. We estimate that we may need until close to the end of January 2020 in order to respond. This delay in responding is for several reasons: clarification of the nature and scope of your request, to notify third parties and other government agencies affected by the request, and to determine whether any of the information requested is not subject to disclosure and whether there should be a denial in whole or in part. The length of time is necessitated by the length and detail in your request.

As I mentioned above, we are asking for clarification to the nature and scope of your request, pursuant to SDCL §1-27-37(3). Are you requesting information as to how Pennington County's Public Safety Assessment database (OpenLattice) connects with our local records databases in producing the Public Safety Assessment? Or are you asking for Arnold Ventures information, software, source codes, etc.? Please clarify this for us so we can proceed with the rest of your request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Tracey Dollison Decker Deputy State's Attorney