



ARCS: 292-30  
File: JAG-2012-01512

November 5, 2012

Sent via email:

Dear

**Re: Request for Access to Records**  
***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)***

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General (the Ministry). On September 26, 2012 you narrowed your request. Your request is for:

1. Any statistics on incidents of inmate-on-inmate violence and inmate-on-staff violence in BC Correctional facilities on a year-by-year basis from January 1, 2007 to September 6, 2012 for the following institutions: Fraser Regional Correctional Centre in Maple Ridge, Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre, Prince George Regional Correctional Centre, Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre in Saanich, North Fraser Pretrial Centre in Port Coquitlam, Surrey Pretrial Services Centre, Alouette Correctional Centre for Women, Ford Mountain Correctional Centre and Nanaimo Correctional Centre;
2. a) Specific details on the: August 12, 2012 beating of [named individual] at North Fraser Pre-trial, April 3, 2012 death of [named individual] at North Fraser, April 3, 2012 death of [named individual], 69, in North Fraser; and  
b) the March 15, 2012 and March 17, 2012 fights between Hells Angels and other gang-linked inmates at North Fraser;
3. Any reports, briefing notes or other documents on issues related to gang members and gang associates in provincial jails from 2009 to the present."

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In response to Part 1 of your request, the Ministry is providing the following statistical information:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Incidents of inmate assaults on staff</b>	<b>Other incidents of inmate violence against staff</b>	<b>Incidents of inmate on inmate violence</b>	<b>(Incidents of inmate on inmate assaults)</b>	<b>Total incidents of violence</b>
2012 (Sept 18/2012)	76	51	577	357	703
2011	80	51	871	(560)	1002
2010	39	31	759	(512)	829
2009	52	40	731	(445)	823
2008	54	22	789	(503)	865
2007	61	Not available	976		

With regards to Part 2(a) of your request, under section 8 of FOIPPA, we cannot confirm or deny the existence of any records related to the named individuals of your request.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to Part 2(b) of your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. Please note these responsive records are all violence related incident reports found on the specified days for this correctional center and are not necessarily gang related.

Please be advised the responsive records for Part 3 of your request are withheld in their entirety pursuant to sections 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Samara Fisher, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-0824. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-0824.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,



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Justice / Social Team  
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

**Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:**

Information and Privacy Commissioner  
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt  
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street  
Victoria BC V8W 9A4  
Telephone 250-387-5629      Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.