

File: 292-30/PSS-2021-12185

June 3, 2021

Sent via email:

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 Public Safety and Solicitor General. Your request is for:

Memorandums, briefing notes, information notes, statistics and powerpoint decks tracking the number of temporary absences, parole and all releases from your correctional institutions related to COVID-19 pandemic prevention and management broken down by race and gender. (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/1/2020 To 12/20/2020)

The Ministry provided the following response to your FOI request: *BC Corrections issued communicable disease Temporary Absences (TA) to 19 male individuals (none were females), serving intermittent sentences, between October 1, 2020 and Dec 20, 2020. For the ethnicity breakdown, of the 19, there were three unique Indigenous males and 16 Caucasian males.* 

These records are provided to you in their entirety.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <a href="www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation">www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation</a>

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Fax: 250 387-9843

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Arun Sudireddy, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 974-2544. 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 778 974-2544.

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,

Arun Sudireddy, FOI Analyst

On behalf of Justine Nisbet, Manager

Justice / Health Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosure

## How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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.