



Riverside Superior Court's Revised Search Policy

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

On October 11, 2024, the Riverside Superior Court no longer conducts searches or verifies criminal and traffic case information based on date of birth and/or driver's license numbers unless the request to narrow is made by the defendant whose records are being searched and only upon showing of valid identification.

This document provides answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

1. Why did the Court revise its search policy?

The Court's policy is based on applicable state law. This policy balances the privacy interest of criminal case parties and public access to criminal records in compliance with [California Rules of Court, rule 2.507](#), and related state law, which specifically require that age, date of birth, and driver's license information be excluded from criminal record searches by the public and third parties.

2. What is the policy?

Effective October 11, 2024, clerk's office staff will no longer conduct searches or verify information based on month, day, and year of birth, month, and year of birth, and/or driver's license number for persons who are not parties in the case, including the individual's attorney of record, members of the general public and third parties.

Clerk's Office staff will only conduct searches using date of birth and/or driver's license number when the requesting party is the individual whose records are being searched and only upon showing of valid identification.

Persons other than the named individual whose records are being searched may search by name or case number (if known).

This policy does not prevent a person or entity authorized under Penal Code sections 13300 and 13301 from obtaining local summary criminal history information under Penal Code section 13300. Requests for local summary criminal history information can be made by using Form RI-CR093.

3. What are the applicable rules and state law that require this policy?

See California Penal Code section 13300; [California Rules of Court, rule 2.507](#); *All of Us or None of Us - Riverside Chapter v. Hamrick* (2021) 64 Cal.App.5th 751; and related legal and statutory authority.

4. Can I request my own case history information?

Yes. Pursuant to the Court's policy, anyone may visit any Riverside Superior Court Criminal or Traffic Clerk's Office location and request their **own** case history information be searched using the date of birth and/or driver's license. A valid identification is required.

5. Have there been attempts to address this issue in the California Legislature?

Yes. As recently as 2022, [Senate Bill 1262](#) would have allowed superior courts to permit filtering searches of publicly accessible electronic court indexes by an individual's driver's license number, or date of birth, or both. Governor Newsom [vetoed](#) the bill on September 29, 2022.