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### Databases

The CADOJ is authorized to release Department data from particular departmental data systems. Each system has its own requirements for who may request such information based upon statute. The CADOJ is authorized to release Department data from particular departmental data systems.

- **Automated Criminal History System (ACHS)**
  Per Penal Code 12320, every public agency or bona fide research body concerned with the prevention or control of crime, the quality of criminal justice or the custody of correctional offenders may request Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) data for research purposes.

- **Juvenile Court Probation Statistical System (JCPS)**
  Per Penal Code 13010.5(b), the department may make available data collected pursuant to this section in the same manner as data collected pursuant to Penal Code Section 12320.

- **Controlled Substance Utilization Review & Evaluation System (CURES)**
  Per Health and Safety Code 11 165 2a, CURES Data may be provided to public or private entities, as approved by the Department of Justice, for educational, peer review, statistical, or research purposes, if patient information, including any information that may identify the patient, is not compromised.

- **Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO)**
  Per Penal Code 14231.5, Notwithstanding any other law, the Department of Justice shall make information relating to gun-violence restraining orders that is maintained in the California Restraining and Protective Order System, or any similar database maintained by the department, available to researchers affiliated with the University of California Firearm Violence Research Center, or, at the department’s discretion, to any other nonprofit educational institution or public agency immediately concerned with the study and prevention of violence, for academic and policy research purposes, provided that any material identifying individuals is not transferred, reevaluated, or used for other than research or statistical activities and reports or publications derived therefrom shall not identify specific individuals.

### Data Request Process

The steps below outline the high-level process for requesting access to CADOJ data. All inquiries and questions regarding the Data Request process should be directed to datarequests@doj.ca.gov.

1. **Requestor:**
   - Completes and submits a Data Request Application.
   - DOJRC receives and approves or denies the submitted data request.
   - DOJRC project approvals are valid for one-year.
   - Renewals for additional time can be requested 90 days prior expiration.

2. **DJRC:**
   - Notifies the Requestor of project approval or denial.
   - If the project will continue past one-year, the requestor will be required to complete the renewal process.

3. **DOJRC:**
   - Submits it to datarequests@doj.ca.gov.
   - DOJRC reviews and approves or denies the submitted data request.
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4. **Requestor:**
   - Completes the Data Request Application applicable to the data being requested and submits it to datarequests@doj.ca.gov.

5. **DOJRC:**
   - Reviews and approves or denies the submitted data request.

6. **Requestor:**
   - Notifies the Requestor of project approval or denial.
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