



## Madison Police Department

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Brenda,

This letter and the attached is reply to your June 15<sup>th</sup> request for: The number of people transported to jail by MPD by month (March, April, May and June) for each of the three years. The reason for being transported to jail (PO hold, arrest, mental health, etc)

I am able to pull arrest status from all of our data which is attached to the email. This is a slight variation from what you originally asked for but it was discussed with you and my understanding is that the request was modified. This is a full release of this portion of your request. The column with "unknown/no status" in it means just what it says, we do not know based on the data. If we looked at the corresponding reports, the status would likely be obvious. However, that was not part of your request.

Your June 15<sup>th</sup> request also included: Also please provide the number of calls that were not responded to due to the calls for service changes outlined in the [Employee Resource Guide](#) pages 17 - 21.

With our communication, I believe I understand what you are looking for: called back versus driving a squad to respond. I cannot find out whether we responded via phone or in person without looking into every case report. I have verified that with our data team. Therefore I have no responsive records for that portion of your request. If you would like to request every case report during the COVID crisis, you can file that request and we can discuss whether that is a reasonable request at that point.

After a thorough search, I have determined no record exists in the Madison Police Department related to your request. "[T]he public records law does not require an authority to provide requested information if no record exists, or to simply answer questions about a topic of interest to the requester. *Journal Times*, 2015 WI 56, ¶ 55 (citation omitted); see also *State ex rel. Zinngabe v. Sch. Dist. of Sevastopol*, 146 Wis. 2d 629, 431 N.W.2d 734 (Ct. App. 1988). However, if no responsive record exists, the records custodian should inform the requester. Cf. *State ex rel. Zinngabe*, 146 Wis. 2d 629.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie A. Laudrie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie A. Laudrie  
Madison Police Department Records Custodian