

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

All requests for public records must be made in writing upon the following form.

Providing accurate contact information for the requesting party is especially critical. The completed form can be tendered to the custodian of public records via:

1. Hand delivery to 701 Murray St., 3rd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana.
2. Mail or commercial carrier to:
Rapides Parish District Attorney's Office
Thomas O. Wells, Public Records Custodian
P.O. Box 7358
Alexandria, Louisiana 71306
3. Facsimile to Thomas O. Wells, Public Records Custodian at (318) 442-9276.
4. E-mail twells@rapidesda.org.

When a request is sent by e-mail, a return e-mail indicating that the request has been received will be sent by office personnel during office hours. The return e-mail will serve as proof of delivery of the request. For requests sent by hand delivery, mail or commercial carrier, and facsimile, office personnel will time-stamp the request when it is received. This procedure will be followed in cases to ensure compliance with statutory deadlines and uniformity of access.

After receipt of the request, the public records custodian will determine the existence and availability of the record and whether the record is public within the parameters of the Public Records Act. When copies of public records are requested, responses will be mailed or tendered in person to requesting parties within statutory deadlines after payment in full of costs for copies.

Questions about public records requests may be directed to Thomas O. Wells at (318) 473-6650.

PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULE

1. \$1.00 per printed page.
2. \$1.00 per electronic page.
3. \$25.00 per CD/Thumb drive for videos.
4. \$35.00 per hour for redaction of videos.

Public Records Request Form

Requesting Party Information

Name _____ At least 18 years old?* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: home _____ mobile _____ work _____

Record Requested

For criminal files, please provide as much information as possible so that the correct record may be retrieved.

Defendant name _____ Docket # _____

Victim name _____ Arresting agency _____

Charge(s) _____

Date of arrest _____ Date of conviction _____

For other records, please describe as thoroughly as possible what record is requested.

Description _____

Date(s) _____

*Public records requests are available to persons who are at least 18 years of age. LSA-R.S. 44:31; LSA-C.C. Art. 29.