

Prisons and Policing Public Records Management

Sponsored by the Human Rights Defense Center (HRDC)

Project History- The HRDC

Public records requests have been sent across the country for documents related to prison and police civil litigations. From the seven responding states, over 8,000 documents have been received and processed.



Capstone Progress

With the documents provided by the HRDC, we have extracted the associated metadata – including document type, nature of the suit, and location of filing. Along with creating a metadata schema, we have drafted a standardized operating procedure, digital preservations recommendations, and a user guide and glossary for the schema.

What the Future Holds

To build the foundations of this project, we focused on the metadata schema and the associated documents. However, the project can and hopefully will continue after us. The plan for the current data is for another team to create an open source database in which all of the received files can be searched through for any number of projects.

A Database For...

The Scholars



The Public



The Incarcerated



