



KERN COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Policies And Procedures

TITLE: Juvenile Information Release Policy			Article: 1609
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POLICY

This policy is to provide a clear understanding regarding the release of a minor's information to the media.

The policy of the Kern County Probation Department is to release limited information about juvenile cases. On most W&I 602 cases staff will respond to inquiries in the following manner: "State law prohibits the release of any information about a juvenile and we can neither confirm nor deny any information."

Legislation effective November 1994 incorporated the added changes to W&I 827.5. When any interested person asks for information pertaining to a particular case and the minor is 14 years of age or older and has had a detention hearing alleging the commission of any serious felony defined in PC 1192.7(c), the appropriate Probation Supervisor will release the following information:

- A. The name of the minor
- B. The alleged offense(s) committed
- C. The minor's court date and time