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## **NAACP Legal Defense Fund Serves Information Request on Manhattan DA for Materials Related to Gang Policing Databases**

Today, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) served a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) [request](#) on the Manhattan District Attorney's Office (NYDA) to gather information about New Yorkers' inclusion in NYDA's gang database(s). This request follows LDF and the Center for Constitutional Rights' recent FOIL [requests](#) seeking information about the New York City Police Department's gang policing tactics.

Specifically, the FOIL request seeks:

- All materials that define the criteria for identifying a person as a suspected, confirmed, former, or possible member, associate, and/or affiliate of any gang or crew in any database;
- All materials that delineate the process, if any, for an individual included in any gang database to be notified of their inclusion in the system;
- All materials that outline NYDA's use of the information contained in its gang database(s);
- All internal NYDA correspondence about the existence of a gang database and the criteria for including an individual in the log;
- All demographic information – including race, sex, age, and residence – of those included in the system;
- A list of all federal and New York City agencies or organizations with whom the NYDA has shared information from its database(s);
- A copy of every NYDA press release since January 1, 2010, that mentions an individual associated or affiliated with a gang or crew;
- All materials regarding the NYDA's retention and/or destruction of files associated with the database.

Read LDF FOIL request [here](#).

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