


# Freedom of Information Act: NY, NJ, CT



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# Background Information

- The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provides that any person has a right, enforceable in court, to obtain access to federal agency records, except to the extent that such records (or portions of them) are protected from public disclosure by certain exemption.
  - Each state has its own version of FOIA:
    - New York Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)
    - New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA)
    - Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (CT FOIA)
  - Each state has its own deadlines and procedures when requesting a record.
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## Formulating a Research Plan + Comprising a Question

1. Research relevant topic/ understand issue
2. Research agency and understand how agency gathers data.
3. Formulate question based on steps 1+2.
4. Understand statutory deadlines for replies and appeals.
5. Reach out to agency with question(s).
6. Reply to all agency responses and appeal if necessary.



[Rachael Rosselet](#) filed this request with the [Connecticut State Police](#) of [Connecticut](#).

Multi Request

[Missing and Murdered Persons](#)

Submitted

March 16, 2022

STATUS

Completed

From: Rachael Rosselet

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Subject: Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request: Missing and Murdered Persons (Connecticut State Police)

Fax

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Basic information on all open cases of missing and murdered persons (including juveniles) within the state; this basic information can include but is not limited to: person name, age, DOB, incident date, case closure date, county/jurisdiction in which person was reported missing.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as we believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at [MuckRock.com](#), processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage. All of the information will also be shown on [uncovered.com/cases](#)

I expect the request to be filled in an accessible format, including for screen readers, which provide text-to-speech for persons unable to read print. Files that are not accessible to screen readers include, for example, .pdf image files as well as physical documents.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request.

I also request that, if possible and pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-212(d), fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest and not made for commercial gain. The requested documents will be processed by a representative of the news media/press and made available to the public at [MuckRock.com](#).

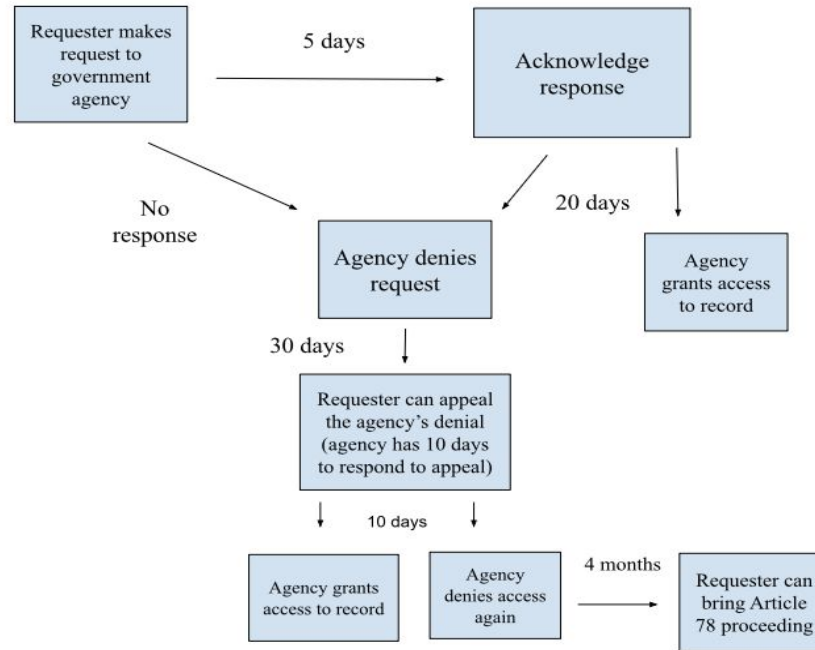
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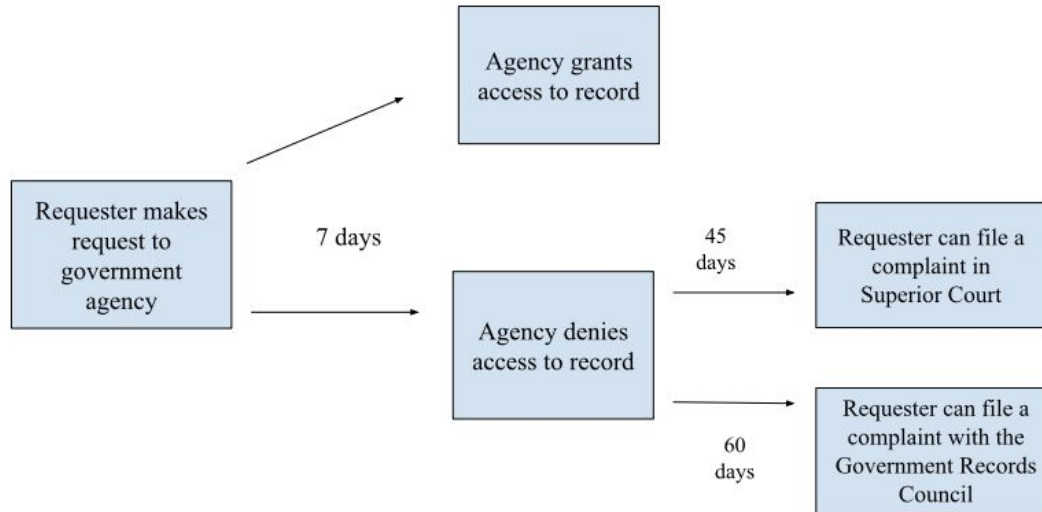
Sincerely,

Rachael Rosselet

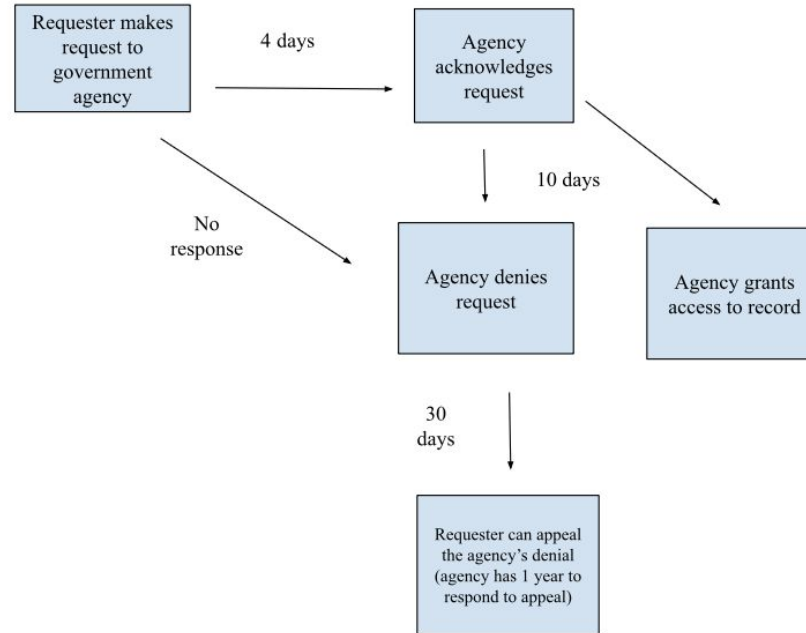
# New York Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)



# New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA)



# Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (CT FOIA)



# Questions

