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ARJIS

AUTOMATED
REGIONAL JUSTICE
INFORMATION SYSTEM

California Senate Bill 54

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Background

ARJIS (Automated Regional Justice Information System)

- Criminal justice information sharing hub
- Allows agencies to work more efficiently by facilitating interagency cooperation to address crime

ARJIS Serves

- Over 5,000 law enforcement personnel
- 60 local, state, and federal agencies

San Diego County Sheriffs Office

- Region's CLETS coordinator monitoring policies and procedures

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SB 54 Overview

SB 54 (2018) "The California Values Act"

- Amended the California Government Code
- Amended the Health and Safety Code
- Impacted local criminal justice information systems
- Limited state and local law enforcement's ability to assist in immigration enforcement

October 1, 2018

- CJIS Information Bulletin providing guidance to agencies regarding governance of databases

February 2019

- Updated manual for the policies, procedures and practices for CLETS use
- Manual outlines CJIS requirements for audits, access and security

Based on Guidance from the California Attorney General's Office

- And in cooperation with the San Diego County Sheriffs Office, ARJIS took steps to implement changes

ARJIS Actions

Immigration Access Records Removed

- ICE ERO declined to sign the CLETS agreement requiring users to comply with SB 54
 - All ICE ERO accounts were disabled in October 2019
 - Removed access to immigration-related records for all users.

Immigration Terms Deleted

- ARJIS the ability for agencies to share new data referencing immigration status in ARJIS applications, including criminal charges and identification types using terms such as "illegal alien," "federal immigration," and "undocumented."

Reason for Search Language Added

- Database systems required users to enter a valid reason (e.g., crime case number) for each database search

ARJIS Actions

Login Screen Language Updated

- Added the California DOJ-recommended acknowledgement language to the criminal misuse warnings on each of its' application login screens
 - *"Federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies **shall not use any non-criminal history information** contained within this database for immigration enforcement purposes. This restriction does not pertain to any information that is regarding a person's immigration or citizenship status"*

Training Updated

- ARJIS updated its training materials to include warnings about misuse of the system for immigration enforcement.

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