

Answer by Letter (Klaffenbach)

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OPINION LETTER 583

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Dear Mr. McFadden:

This letter is in response to your opinion request concerning whether Section 11.090, RSMo 1969 prohibits the release of information concerning prisoners' names, confinements or discharges from the penitentiary to the general public or for use by the State Highway Patrol in its informational publications.

Section 11.090 provides:

"It is unlawful to print in the report of any penal or eleemosynary institution in this state, the names of the persons received and confined therein, or discharged therefrom."

It is our view that this section does not prevent the release of such information to the general public or to the State Highway Patrol for use in highway patrol informational publications.

Very truly yours,

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