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Good Morning, SANDAG, Mayors,

Hope you had a good holiday, celebrating and remembering things dealing with civil liberties and basic human rights.

I remember Tony Ray, the ARJIS man in charge, from his time as Acting Sheriff where he always seemed confused and pretended not to see things like use of excessive force.

The presentation makes it clear that strict limits need to be put on data sharing and AI operations at ARJIS.

So now Tony's in charge of some of SANDAG's records. Hope they are not based on ridiculously old data or silly estimates like some SANDAG stuff I've seen. Because these records go to 65 local, State, and Federal Agencies – 5,000 users including the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS, which supposedly only reports crime to the California DOJ.)

The threat of spying and misuse is real. In a recent statement to KPBS, a CBP spokesperson said agents use ARJIS in the vast majority of their criminal cases and said the database improves the agency's

cooperation with “partner agencies.” [<https://www.kpbs.org/news/border-immigration/2026/01/12/how-a-sandag-database-might-be-aiding-trumps-deportation-campaign>]

The Staff Report says ARJIS, the Automated Regional Justice Information Systems receives and standardizes data from 11 law enforcement agencies. And the Sheriff. 12 agencies – there are more County cities than that, so how many are left out – and does standardized mean things are omitted or minimized?

“Enhancing interoperability” as the report says means tinkering with the data in all cases I’ve seen.

The report also says “ARJIS can develop Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) to guide the use and development of each technology or program.” CAN? It needs to.

Apparently unsaid is whether it uses Artificial Intelligence like ICE which, it was just revealed, employed up to 10,000 new recruits who were trained improperly due to an AI glitch, which had at least one student jailed for a crude joke, caused hospital patients to be refused treatment leading to their deaths, misidentifies people all over, and produces deepfakes all over.

ARJIS is a threat to our civil liberties.

Regards,

Paul Henkin