

***Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act Emergency Release of Information  
Identifying Individuals Pursuant to Public Act 95-0040***

The Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act requires a court order before a library may publicly release information contained in library registration or circulation records. Public Act

95-0040 created an exception to the requirement for a court order if ALL of the following conditions are met:

- A. The information is requested by a sworn law enforcement officer who states that it is impractical to get a court order as a result of an emergency situation;
- B. The law enforcement officer states that there is probable cause to believe that there is imminent danger that someone will be physically harmed;
- C. The information requested is limited to only identifying a suspect, witness, or victim of a crime; and
- D. The information does not include any registration or circulation records that would indicate materials borrowed, resources reviewed, or services used at the library.

Public Act 95-0040 also provides that "If requested to do so by the library, the requesting law enforcement officer must sign a form acknowledging the receipt of the information. A library providing the information may seek subsequent judicial review to assess compliance with this Section."

A suggested Statement of Compliance follows.

***Officer's Request for Confidential Library Information***

- A. This is a request under the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act, 75 ILCS 70/1 (copy attached) for information contained in the library's registration and/or circulation records.
- B. My request for information is limited to identifying a "suspect, witness, or victim of a crime."
- C. As the basis for this request, I represent the following:
  - a. I am a sworn law enforcement officer.
  - b. As a result of an emergency where I believe there is imminent danger of physical harm, it is impractical to secure a Court Order for the identification information.
- D. The information I request relates to the following (Description of information sought):

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**Officer's Acknowledgment**

I acknowledge receipt from the library of the information I requested.

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Officer's printed name	Officer's Agency/Department	Officer's signature
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Officer's badge number	Time signed	Date signed

**(Library Use Only)**

Name(s) of Library Staff assisting with the information requested: