

Radford/FGCU/Aamodt Serial Killer Database Program Policies

1. Mission Statement

To provide reliable and accurate information about serial murderers for the purpose of better understanding of indicators and trends.

2. General Access

Access will be granted to any individual from a credible law enforcement agency or educational institution. Requests from individuals who are not connected to a law enforcement agency or educational institution will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Florida Gulf Coast University retains the right to deny or cancel a membership at their discretion and without notice.

2.1. User Access Requests

a. Users can search the database, perform an advanced search, view selected pictures, upload pictures and upload documents. Users cannot directly edit the SKDB but can submit suggestions concerning edits, updates and additions to records. Users can request additional pictures, documents and data.

b. Applicants must show evidence they are a part of the law enforcement community or a member of an educational institution. All applicants must:

- i. State their full name, agency, credentials.
- ii. Provide a brief statement on why they are requesting access.
- iii. State that all the information they have provided for their application is complete and accurate. State that they understand submitting false, incomplete or misleading information will result in the termination of their membership and possible legal ramifications.

Evidence includes:

- i. An email from a law enforcement agency.
- ii. A letter with an official letterhead of a law enforcement agency or educational institution.
- iii. An email or phone call from a vetted faculty member from an accredited university.
- iv. An official profile or listing on an accredited university webpage.

If an applicant is not a member of the law enforcement community or an educational institution but believes they have a valid reason to access the database, the applicant must:

- i. Disclose their educational background, any pertinent affiliations and list all pertinent credentials.
- ii. Give a detailed reason why they want access to the database and what they will use the information for.
- iii. State that all the information they have provided for their application is complete and accurate. State that they understand submitting false, incomplete or misleading information will result in the termination of their membership and possible legal ramifications.

c. Users must agree to the USER AGREEMENT.

d. Users who are suspected of violating the USER AGREEMENT will have their membership terminated. Users who have had their membership terminated due to violating the USER AGREEMENT will be informed of the reason and may contest the

termination. To be reinstated, the User must prove they did not knowingly violate the USER AGREEMENT.

e. Users must use an email connected to a law enforcement agency or an accredited university.

f. A User membership will be terminated if inactive for one year. Users who have had their membership terminated due to inactivity may petition for reinstatement by submitting a new membership application..

2.2. Reviewer Access Requests

a. Reviewers can search the database, perform an advanced search, view selected pictures, upload pictures, upload documents, add new subjects and directly edit the SKDB. Reviewers can request additional pictures, documents and data.

b. Applicants must show evidence they are a part of the law enforcement community or a member of an educational institution. Applicants must also show evidence of an advanced understanding of data collection and research pertaining to human subjects. All applicants must:

i. State their full name, agency, credentials.

ii. Provide a brief statement on why they are requesting access.

iii. State that all the information they have provided for their application is complete and accurate. State that they understand submitting false, incomplete or misleading information will result in the termination of their membership and possible legal ramifications.

iv. State that they will not knowingly input false, incomplete or misleading data into the database. State that they understand that submitting false, incomplete or misleading information will result in the termination of their membership and possible legal ramifications.

Evidence includes:

i. An email from a law enforcement agency.

ii. A letter with an official letterhead of a law enforcement agency or educational institution.

iii. An email or phone call from a vetted faculty member from an accredited university.

iv. An official profile on an accredited university webpage.

v. An academic transcript that shows the applicant attended an advanced research methods class from an accredited educational institution within the last five years.

vi. A resume showing at least two years of experience in a field related to research.

If an applicant is not a member of the law enforcement community or an educational institution but believes they have a valid reason to access the database, the applicant must:

i. Disclose their educational background, any pertinent affiliations and list all pertinent credentials.

ii. Give a detailed reason why they want access to the database and what they will use the information for.

iii. State that all the information they have provided for their application is complete and accurate. State that they understand submitting false, incomplete or

misleading information will result in the termination of their membership and possible legal ramifications.

c. Reviewers must agree to the USER AGREEMENT.

d. Reviewers who are suspected of violating the USER AGREEMENT will have their membership terminated. Users who have had their membership terminated due to violating the USER AGREEMENT will be informed of the reason and may contest the termination. To be reinstated, the User must prove they did not knowingly violate the USER AGREEMENT.

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