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Re: SB 993 Authorizes law enforcement agencies to release booking photos to licensed private investigators.

Comments in support:

At a time when public defense is in a crisis state, providing booking photos to licensed private investigators does the following:

- Saves labor time and expense determining what a witness in a case looks like which enhances accuracy with approaching them for statements.
- Saves labor time and expense determining the physical attributes of a recipient for a criminal subpoena or civil summons.
- Helps avoid relying on social media posts for physical identification which are often inaccurate, out of date, or missing altogether.
- Enhances safety in the field for the investigator by increasing the ability to approach the correct individual.

Private investigators work hard to provide accurate and timely services to both the legal profession and the public. Help us do our job in a more safe and efficient manner by allowing access to booking photos.

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