

# DETECTIVE'S RESEARCH GUIDE

Below is a (non-exhaustive) list of the most common resources for doing research on a variety of topics. Even if they don't have exactly what you need, they may be able to point you to somewhere that will.

## Police (NYPD)

- Central police records: **NYPD - Police Headquarters** [ 7-8245 ]
- Coroner & chief medical examiner: **NYPD - Chief Medical Examiner** [ 4-7384 ]
- Other police records & departments: See Yellow Pages for Police (NYPD) - Special Units & Offices
- Labs and evidence analysis: See Yellow Pages for Police (NYPD) - Labs
- Local police: See local neighborhood NYPD Precincts

## Other Investigatory Agencies

- Military Intelligence: **U.S. Army Building** [ 8-0608 ]
- International Affairs: **State Department** [ 5-1254 ]
- Central postal investigations & records: **U.S. Central Post Office** [ 1-0188 ]
- Organized counterfeiting investigations & records: **U.S. Treasury** [ 7-3449 ]
- Smuggling investigations & records: **U.S. Customs House** [ 7-5838 ]
- Federal crime investigations: **FBI Field Office** [ 6-6675 ]
- Arson: **FDNY Borough Command** [ 6-4587 ] & **NYPD - Arson Investigation Lab** [ 7-9687 ]
- Local FDNY arson investigations: See local neighborhood FDNY Stations

## Courts and Criminal Justice Records

- Criminal and civil court records: **County Law Clerk (Hall of Records)** [ 6-9565 ]
- Ongoing & open criminal cases: **Manhattan District Attorney** [ 6-3675 ]
- Information, records, gossip regarding Lawyers: **Association of the Bar** [ 4-3094 ]
- Prison, Probation, Parole records: **NYC Department of Corrections & Probation** [ 5-5770 ]
- Courthouses: See Yellow Pages

## Other Government Offices & Records

- General city records archive: **Office of City Clerk** [ 3-6861 ]
- Birth certificates & death records: **Registrar of Births & Deaths** [ 8-9869 ]
- Marriage & divorce records: **Registrar of Marriage & Divorce** [ 7-1950 ]
- Welfare records: **NYC Department of Social Services** [ 2-8395 ]
- Building permits & construction records: **NYC Department of City Planning** [ 8-5257 ]
- Property & tax records: **NYC Department of Finance** [ 6-5810 ]
- Education records: **NYC Department of Education** [ 6-4231 ]
- Political office records: **NYC Board of Elections** [ 3-8302 ]
- High-level city management: **City Hall (Mayor's Office)** [ 8-4648 ]
- Bankruptcy filings & records: **U.S. Bankruptcy Court** [ 6-6093 ]
- Restaurant Inspections & Health records: **NYC Department of Health** [ 8-8325 ]
- Sport licensing, gambling: **NYC Commission on Athletics** [ 6-8189 ]
- Trash Collections: See local neighborhood Garbage Removal companies
- For more government offices: See Government Offices in Yellow Pages

## **Transportation, Travel, Communications**

- Interstate travel: **NYC Department of Transportation** [ 8-2357 ]
- Drivers license & vehicle registration: **NYC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** [ 1-8786 ]
- Parking ticket records: **NYC Department of Parking Enforcement** [ 7-2889 ]
- International travel records: **Passport Bureau at Treasury Building** [ 8-5191 ]
- Centralized taxi info: **Central Cab Coordinator** [ 4-2821 ]
- Telephone records: **New York Bell Telephone** [ 4-3721 ]
- Centralized telegram/telegraph records: **Western Union Telegraph Headquarters** [ 8-4019 ]
- Local telegram/telegraph records: See local neighborhood Telegraph Stations
- Foreign Countries (travel, criminal histories, etc.): See Embassies & Consulates

## **New York Public Library**

- **Information Desk** [ 6-7401 ]
- **Architecture & Design** [ 7-7045 ]
- **Arts & Entertainment** [ 8-8723 ]
- **Business & Finance** [ 2-4500 ]
- **Circulation Desk (checkout records)** [ 4-2384 ]
- **Culture & Sociology** [ 2-6099 ]
- **Fiction & Literature** [ 1-6610 ]
- **Genealogy & Ancestry Records** [ 5-1517 ]
- **General Reference** [ 5-7011 ]
- **History & Biography** [ 1-8347 ]
- **Maps & Geography** [ 8-5503 ]
- **Mathematics & Academics** [ 4-4423 ]
- **Military & Weaponry** [ 4-5365 ]
- **Periodicals & Newspapers** [ 6-4164 ]
- **Psychology & Self Help** [ 7-6987 ]
- **Religion & Philosophy** [ 4-3737 ]
- **Science & Technology** [ 4-7981 ]
- **Special Collections & Rare Books** [ 3-7042 ]
- **Supernatural & Occult** [ 4-7978 ]

## **Newspaper Contacts**

- **The New York Times** [ 6-8666 ] (paper of record)
- **The Daily News** [ 7-0584 ] (local news)
- **The New York Post** [ 8-5064 ] (local news)
- **The Daily Mirror** [ 2-9326 ] (gossip/sensational rag)
- **The Evening Graphic** [ 6-0755 ] (scandalous trash rag)
- **The Wall Street Journal** [ 6-2538 ] (financial news)
- **Spring 3100 NYPD Magazine** [ 2-4913 ] (police & crime news)
- **Vanity Fair Magazine** [ 4-1647 ] (high society)
- **Harpers Bazaar Magazine** [ 5-3101 ] (fashion / family)
- **The New Yorker** [ 1-1004 ] (high-brow essays/fiction, etc.)
- **Art News** [ 6-8647 ] (art world news)
- **Variety Magazine** [ 1-8685 ] (film and theater news)
- **Billboard Magazine** [ 3-6699 ] (local music scene)
- **The Daily Worker** [ 1-9269 ] (communist newspaper)