

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 Legal Records) [6-9565]**
- Ongoing & open criminal cases: **Manhattan District Attorney / Prosecutor's Office [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

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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

General Information

- 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]
 - **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)