

Who Has Access to INTERPOL's Files?

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In the last post, I addressed the issue of ownership of INTERPOL's files. A question that is at least as significant to attorneys with clients who have Red Notices issued against them is, who may access that information?

Wanted persons sometimes seek access to that information for a variety of reasons. Very often, they seek to govern their behavior or travel plans. Whether INTERPOL grants that access or not will depend on the answers to several questions:

- Is the right person asking?
- Depending on the type of request, is it being made for an appropriate reason?
- Does the requesting country validly wish to keep the information private?

Provided that INTERPOL deems the request to be "admissible," or appropriate under its rules, an individual's request for access to INTERPOL's files may be granted. Otherwise, it will be denied, with reasons given to the requesting party.

As always, comments and thoughts are welcomed.