

Assignment #1: Info Scavenger Hunt

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**DUE DATE: via Blackboard no later than 5:59 p.m., Saturday, March 2.*

**** NOTE: Do not provide a news outlet as a source for these. Find the original data.**

- 1.) Are there any *adult-use cannabis retailers* in Hamden? If not, where is the closest one? What can you tell me about it? (What is it called? Address? Who owns it? How long has it been open? What can you tell me about the owner? What products are they selling? What are the hours? Etc.)
- 2.) This last weekend, there was a fatal wrong-way collision at an I-95 exit ramp in West Haven. Wrong way accidents have been a problem in Connecticut over the last decade. Provide any information that you can – both quantitative or qualitative – and let us know what kind of measures the state’s Department of Transportation are taking to fix it.
- 3.) In 2023, how many people fatally overdosed in Connecticut? Was it more or less than the number of people who died of overdose in the first half of 2022? Which type of “injury place” (where the overdose occurred) is most common? How many people died of overdose in Hamden? What is the youngest age of someone who fatally overdosed? The oldest? **NOTE: Do not provide a news outlet as a source for this. Find the original data.**
- 4.) My wife and I own my house at 264 Richmond Ave. in West Haven. We have a problem: There are two trees that are falling apart and keep breaking our fence. One tree seems to be in the backyard of my neighbor who lives directly behind me. The other tree is in the backyard of the people who live in the house next that that one (or to the west of my house). They both live on Kelsey Avenue. But, I don’t know the names of these people and I never see them outside. My insurance company wants their names, addresses, values of their homes and official property lines. Provide them.
- 5.) Banning books in public schools and public libraries is a practice that is [on the rise](#) in the U.S. You work as a reporter at a Hartford TV station. Your news director wants you do to a story on book-banning in the state. What kind of public documents will you need to do this story? Specifically, what documents you need? Where do the documents live? What kinds of documents are they (Operational? Disclosure? Published?) Will you need FOIA requests for any of the documents you need? (If yes, for which documents specifically?) Be as specific as possible and explain why you need them. If you find the documents, link to them.

- 6.) The Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) has received several federal grants to complete redevelopment work in the Connecticut town. The HEDC executive director is Dale Kroop, who oversees the writing of the grant applications and makes sure the funds go to the projects for which they were applied. What are some of these projects? Can you access the grant applications that Kroop and his team wrote? Where exactly is the federal grant money coming from?
- 7.) Check the last 20 FOIA requests that have been filed to the University of Connecticut. How many have been denied and why? For the ones that are still pending, do you think any of them will be denied? Provide the details of two or three of the pending requests.
- 8.) Who are the top five paid Connecticut state employees? (Be careful here. Find the original data, not news reports, which might not be timely or accurate.)
- 9.) On Dec. 30, 2023, the University of Florida hosted Quinnipiac University's men's basketball team in a nonconference game that was televised on ESPNU. How much did UF pay Quinnipiac for the game? (Find the contract.)
- 10.) Last week, the Quinnipiac University athletic director Greg Amodio announced that men's basketball coach Tom Pecora had signed contract extension through the 2027-2028 season. How much is the contract extension for and what details does it include?