



Identifying information policy

Releasing the names of suspects, images of arrestees, crime scene photos and other identifying information prematurely can influence public opinion before the facts of the case are made clear.

In an effort to mitigate those negative impacts, the Wyoming Tribune Eagle aims to only publish identifying information in crime and public safety coverage that is relevant to public safety. This would include, but is not limited to, suspect descriptions when law enforcement is searching for an individual, names and mug shots of those deemed to be a threat to the public, and names and mug shots of those involved in high-profile cases.

The WTE will avoid publishing identifying information for those involved in minor offenses, in order to better utilize reporters' time and efforts on more serious offenses and trend stories. In cases where the WTE intends to publish identifying information related to serious criminal charges, our reporters aim to make reasonable efforts to contact those involved, giving them an opportunity to demonstrate any evidence they may have that contradicts official documents.

Though we strive for that standard, making contact with those involved prior to publication is not always possible, so additional efforts to make contact may also be made as issues are continually covered.

Reporting is a community effort, and so the WTE encourages community members to always reach out to reporters should you have pertinent information that you feel wasn't covered by published content.