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If you wish to trace someone who you believe is in prison custody but do not know their exact whereabouts you can contact the Prisoner Location Service. Their address is:

PRISONER LOCATION SERVICE  
PO BOX 2152  
BIRMINGHAM  
B15 1SD

The following information must be included with your enquiry:

- Full name of person you want to contact
- Details of any known aliases
- Date of Birth
- Sentencing details (if known)
- Reason for enquiry

If the person is in custody your details will be passed to them and the prisoner will be asked to give consent for the disclosure of their whereabouts. In appropriate cases the prisoner may be advised to give the name and address of their solicitor. All replies and disclosures of information will be in accordance with departmental rules and data protection legislation and you need to be aware that the process can take about three weeks – no information can be given over the telephone.

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Ministry of Justice  
102 Petty France  
London  
SW1H 9AJ

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