

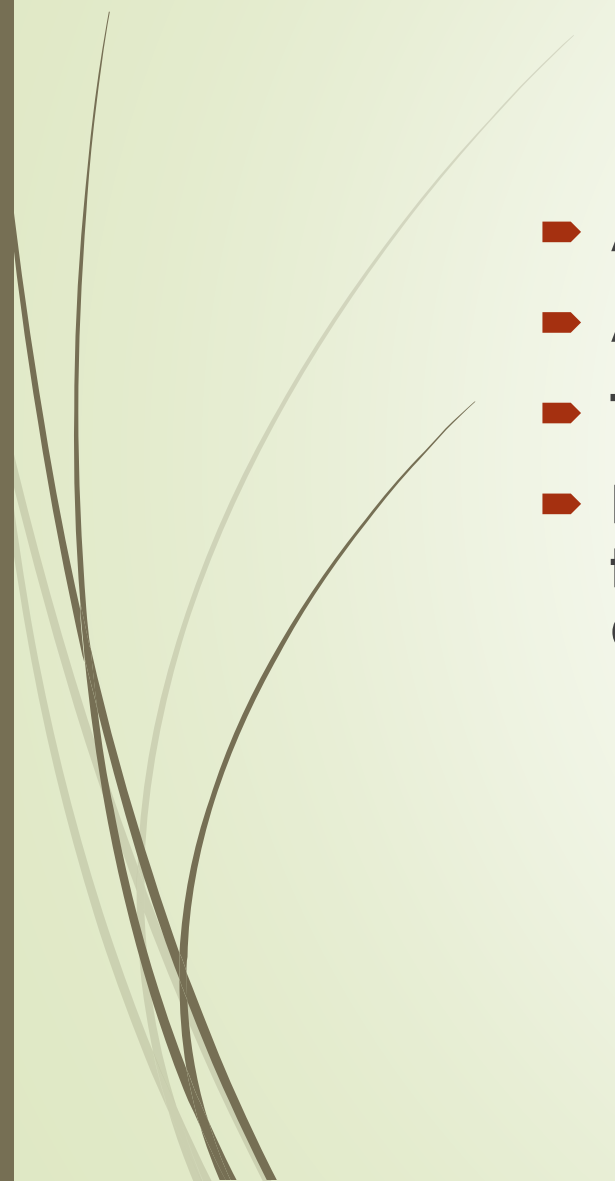
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***Describing Corfu
Criminal Court Archive
using RiC-CM***

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- **Archives – Cultural Institutions**
 - **Archival studies - A wave of renewal**
 - **The Ionian State (1815–1864)**
 - **Describing the Archive of Corfu's Criminal Court during the period of the Ionian State (1815-1864) using the Records in Contexts Conceptual Model**

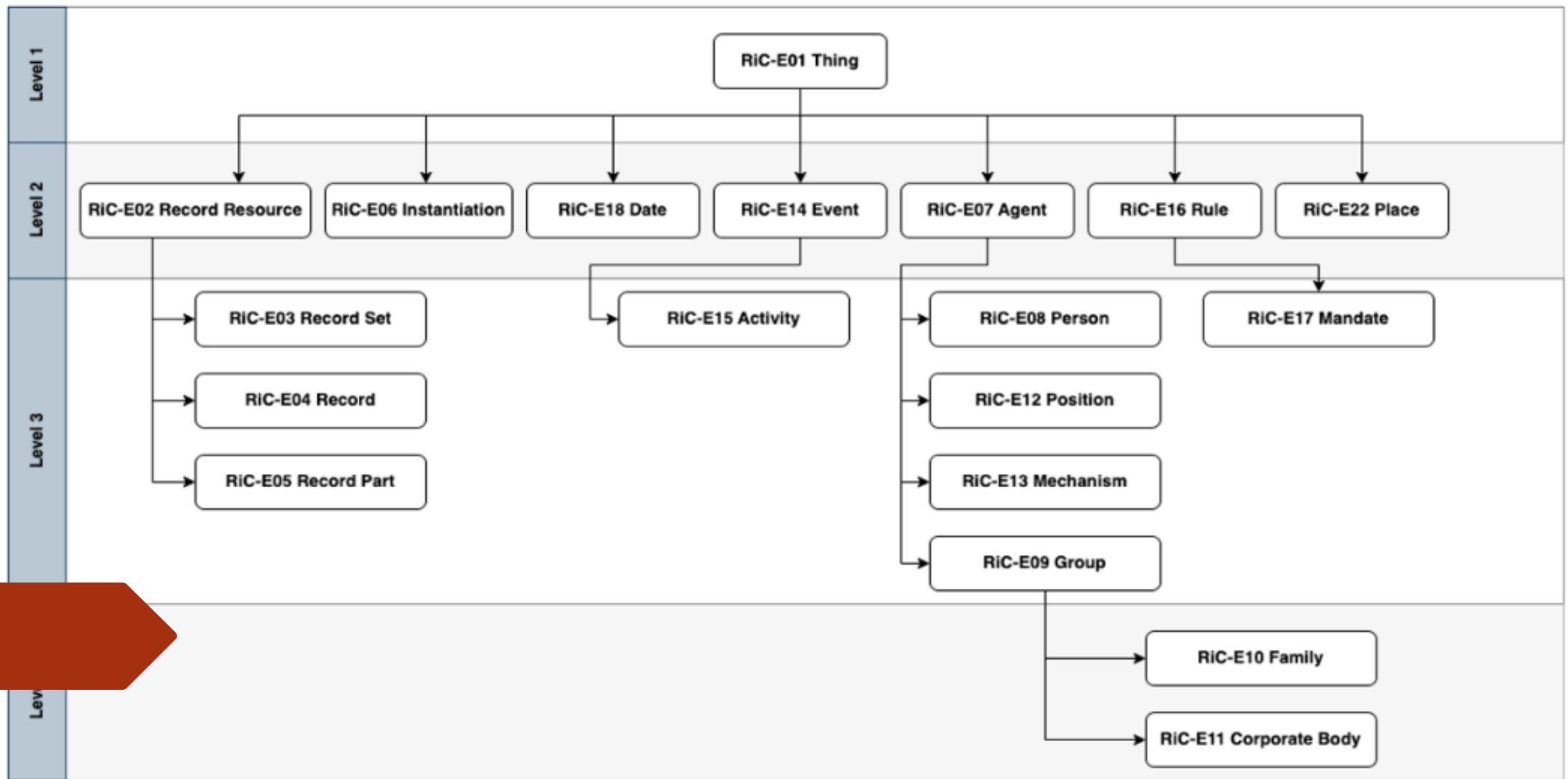
British coat of arms
surrounded by the
emblems of the
seven Ionian
Islands comprising
the British amical
protectorate of
the United States of
the Ionian Islands





Records in Contexts – Conceptual Model

- **Records in Contexts Conceptual Model (RiC-CM)**
 - **High-level conceptual model for the definition of archives, records and other related entities,**
 - **It is gradually implemented by archival organisations, along with the corresponding ontology (RiC-O)**
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RiC-CM Entities Hierarchy

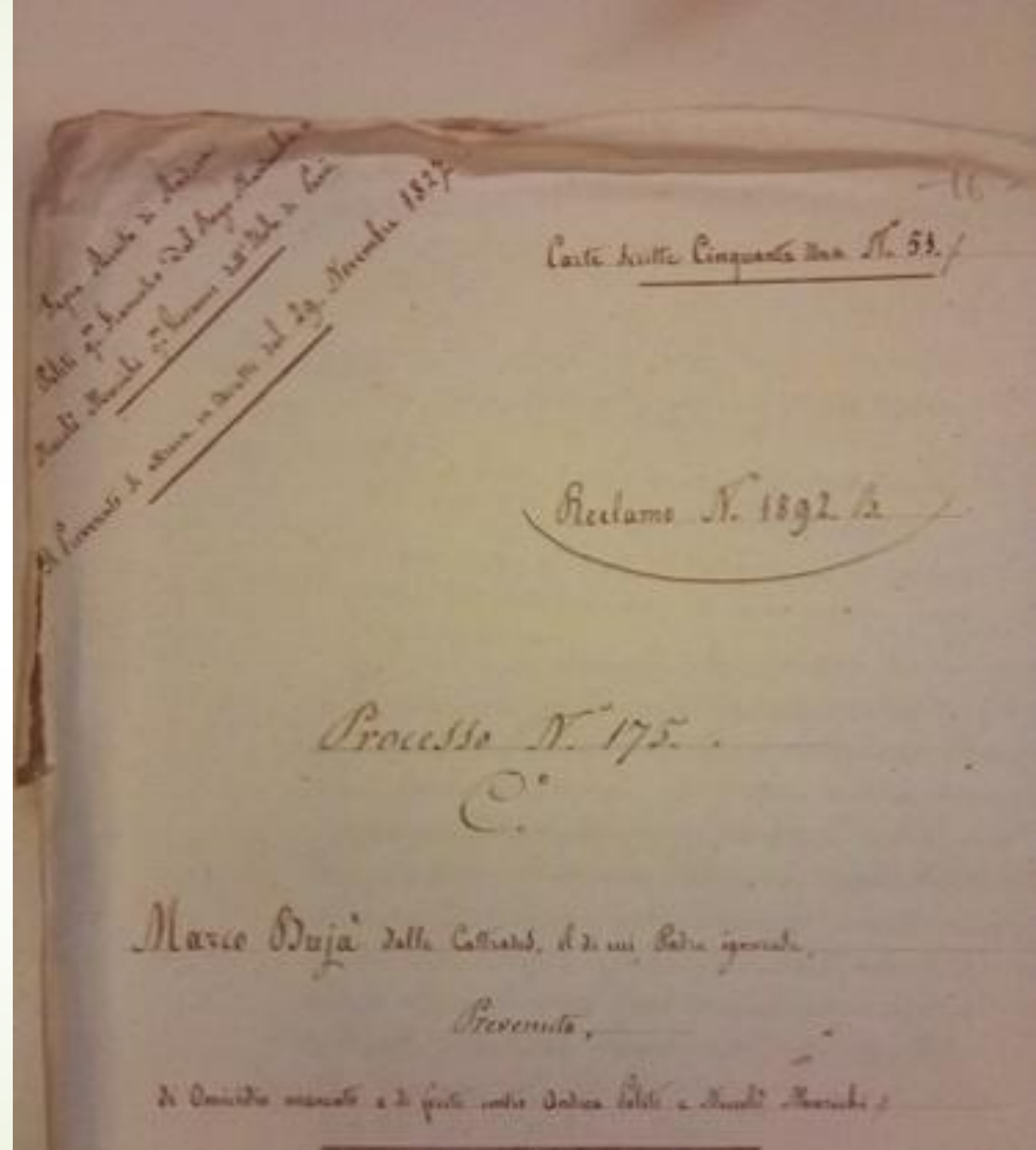
Corfu Criminal Court Archive (1815-1864)

N° 73 Corte Criminale
Filza Processi Criminale
N° 37 70 71 75 del 1826 -
N° 138 156 157 158 159 161 164 166 170
172 e 175 del 1827
Consegna 4/16 Feb° 1825 -

- 275 Folders / Files (Filze)
- 169 files with court cases
- 2,698 subfiles with case files

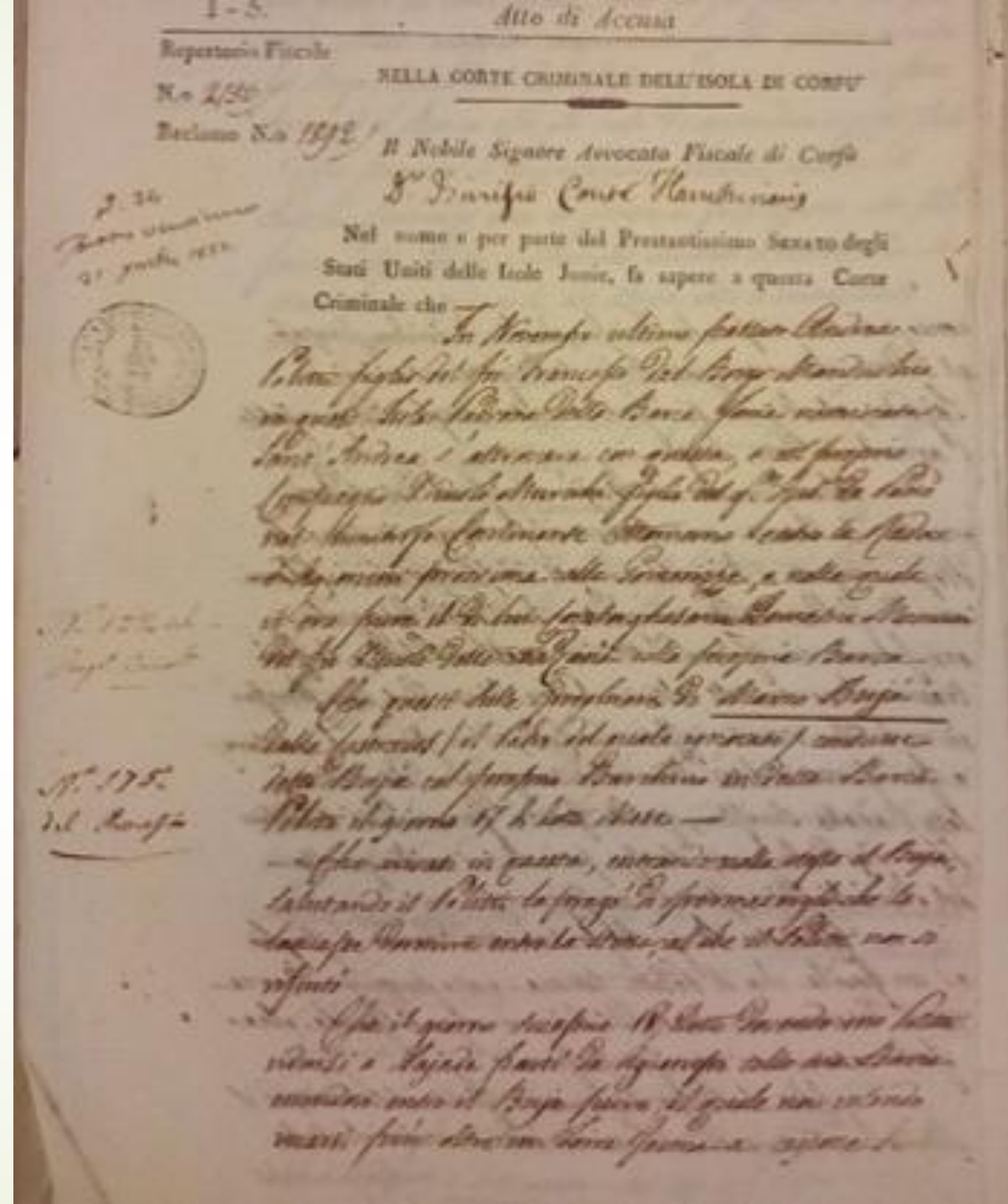
Subfile/Case Cover

- Number of the case,
- Number of pages,
- Name of the defendant,
- Name of the plaintiff or the ex-officio prosecution,
- Crime,
- whether the defendant was under arrest, released on bail or escaped arrest

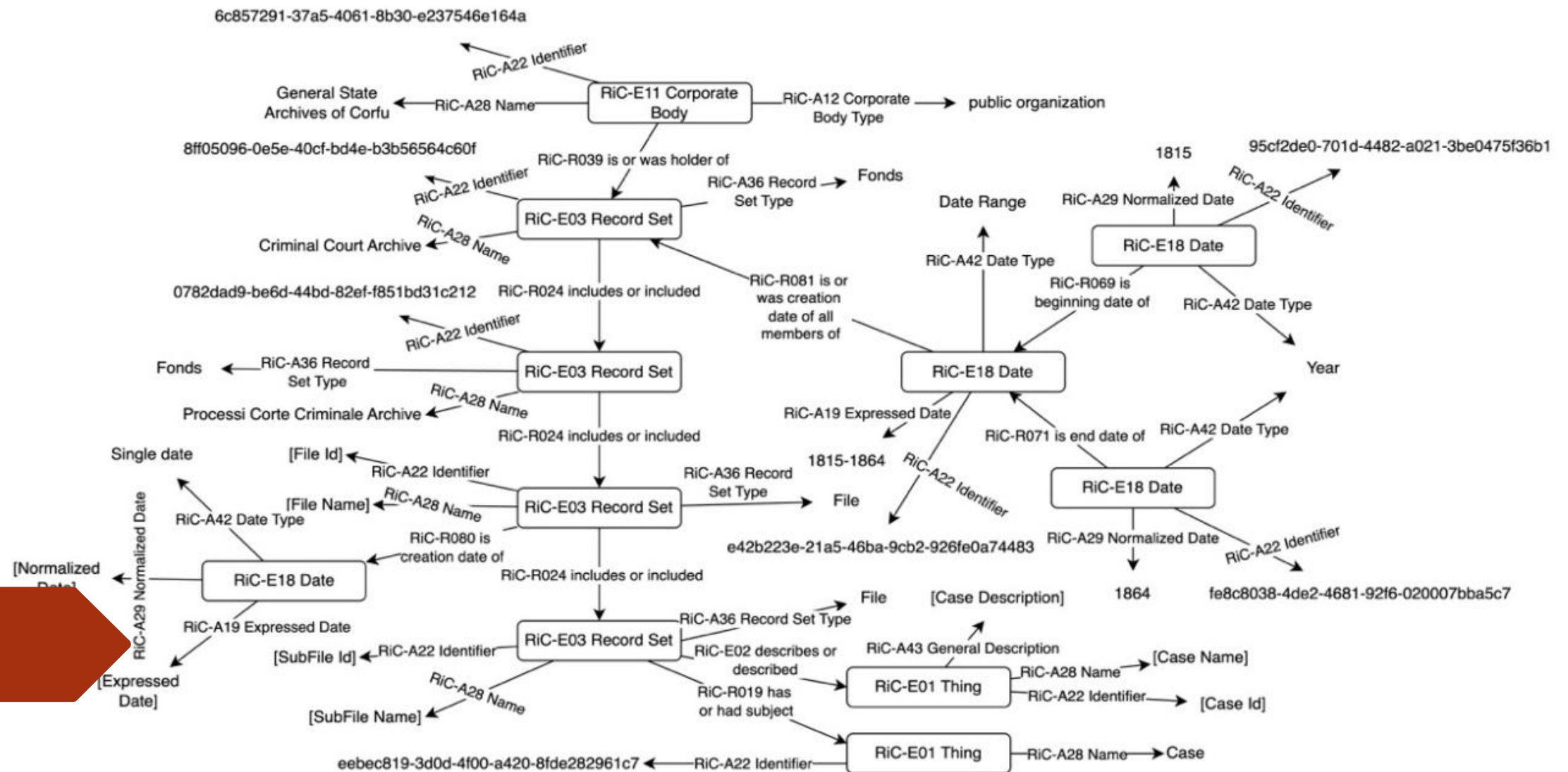


First Page of the Indictment

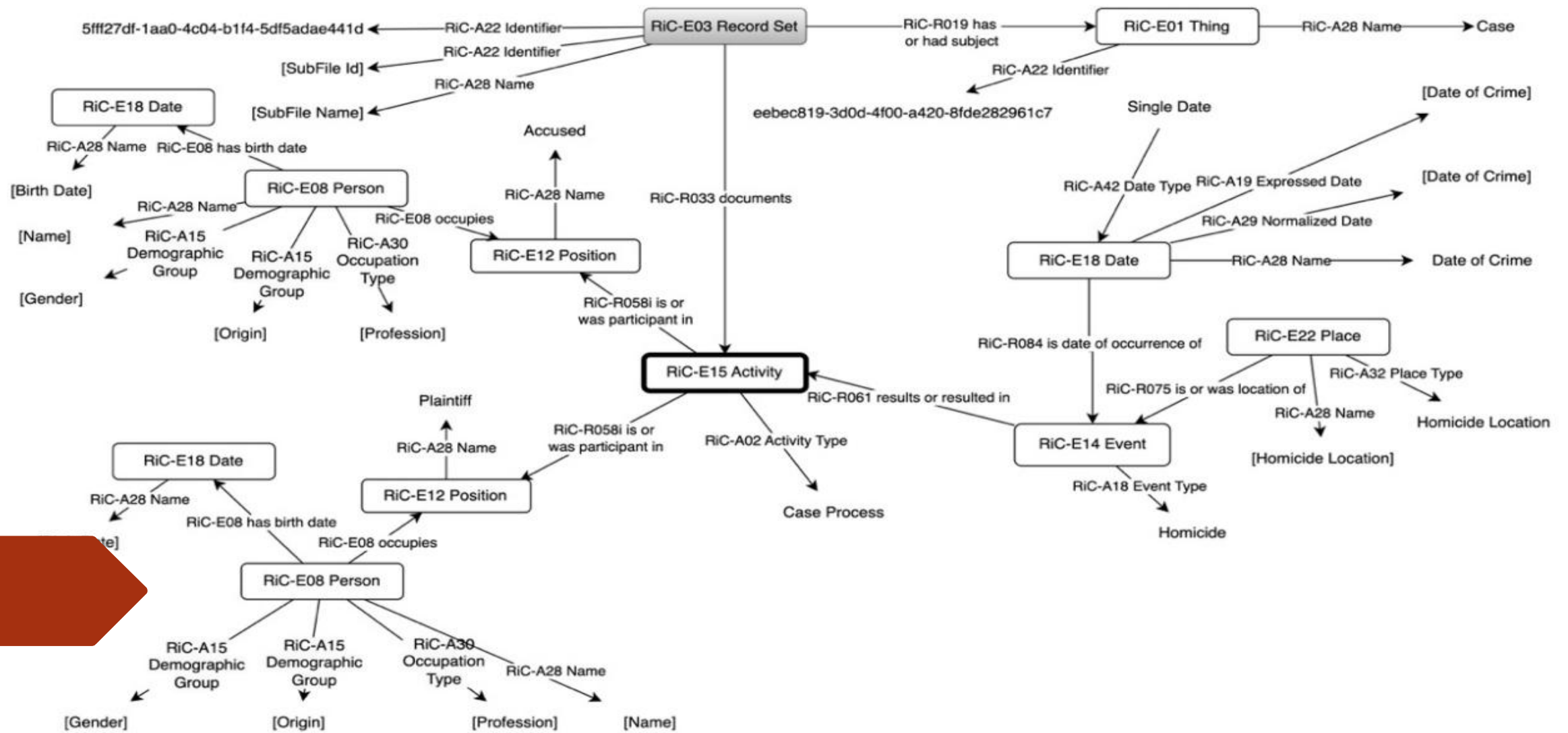
- The indictment (Atto di Accusa) was submitted by the Public Prosecutor along with all supporting documents and evidence, to the Criminal Court.



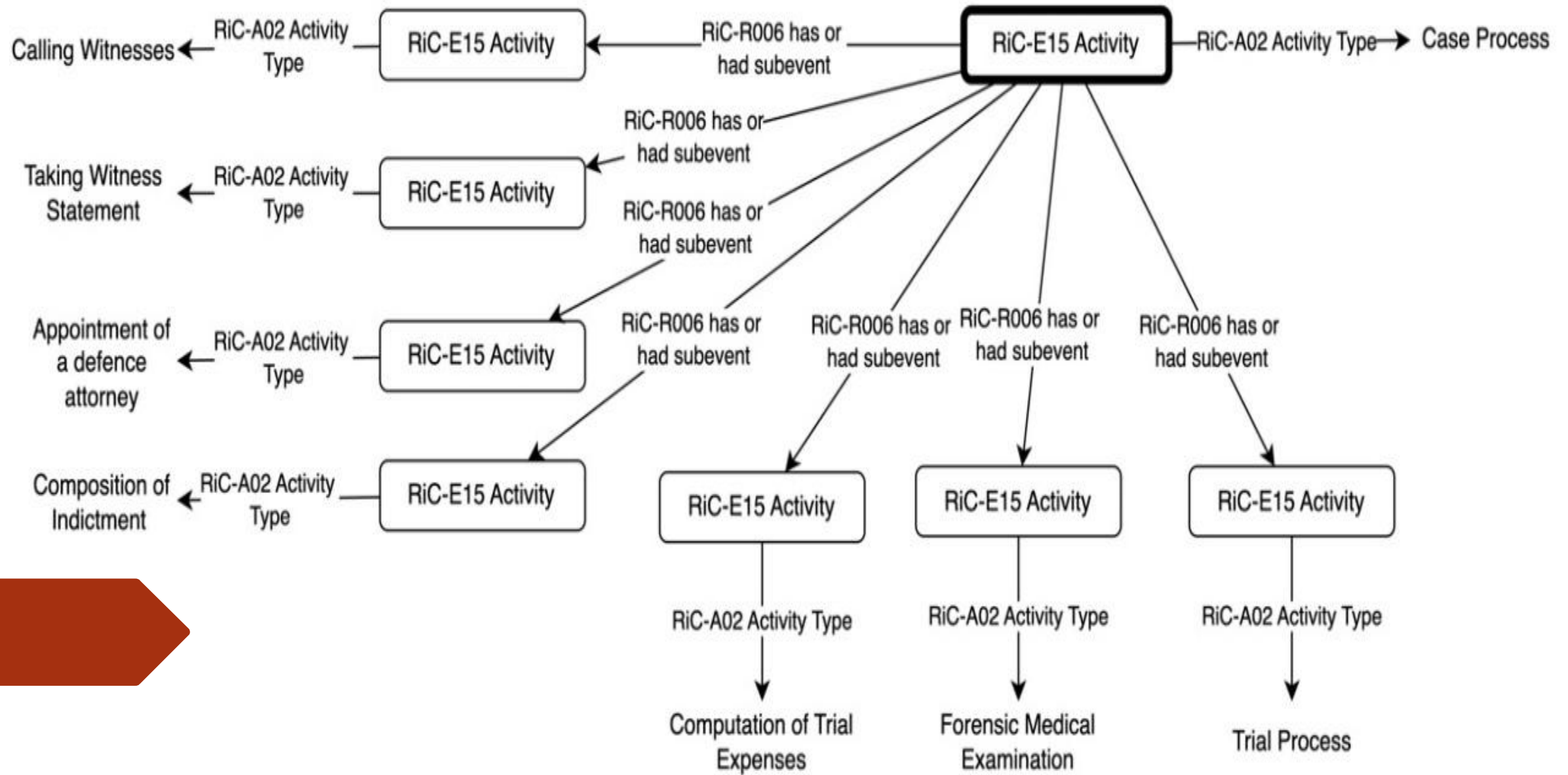
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Structure of the Archive

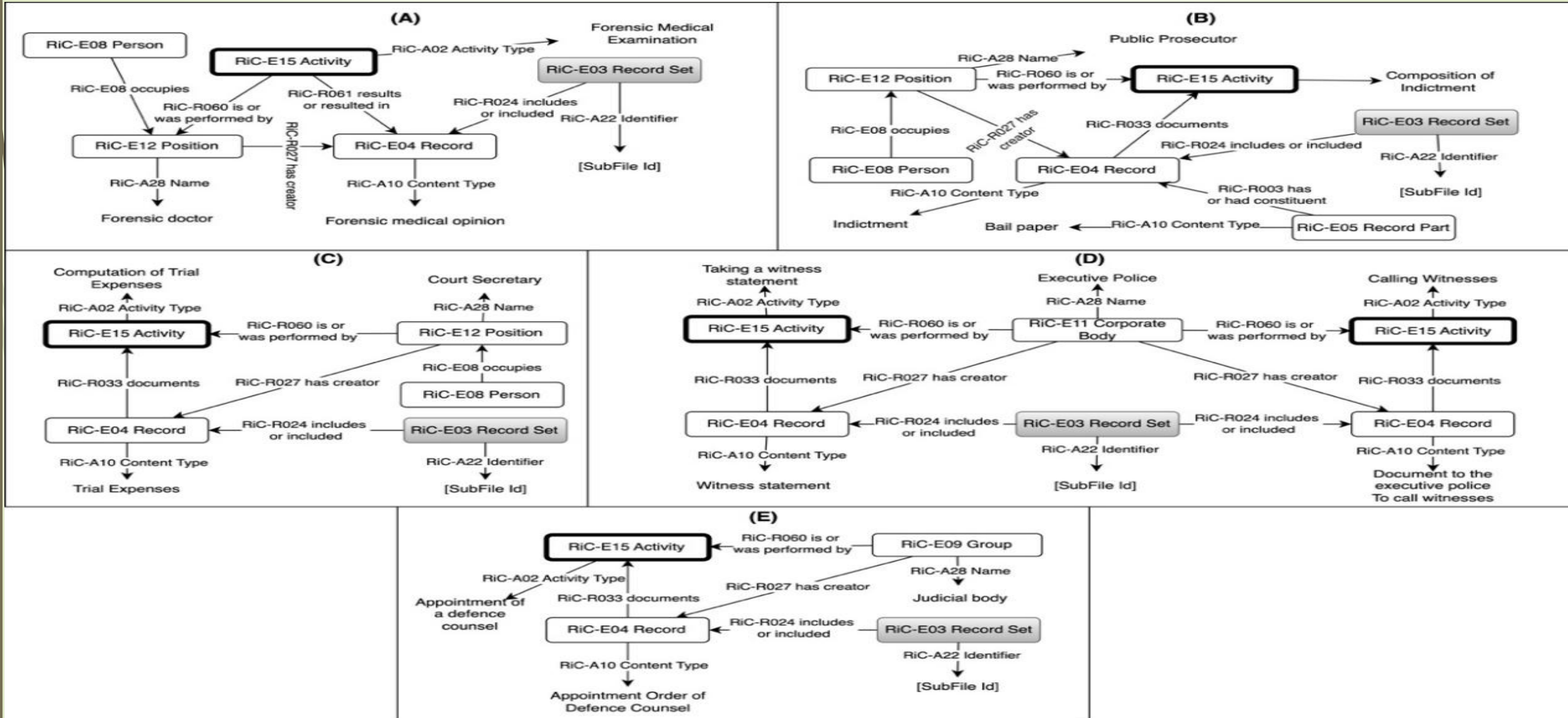


Modelling Case Process



Main Case Activities

Case Activities & Records Produced



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Conclusion

- The proposed model demonstrates that the Records in Contexts Conceptual Model (RiC-CM) can effectively describe complex historical court archives.
- The data model clarifies how information in a Criminal Court archive can be organised according to RiC-CM principles.
- Applying RiC-CM to the Corfu Criminal Court Archive offers a method for ensuring consistent metadata across various records.

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- Preserves the context of each case more accurately
 - Makes those records easier to retrieve, compare, and analyse for researchers and archivists.
 - Future research could explore RiC-O in line with the proposed RiC-CM data model.
 - By examining how these historical archival records can be systematically documented, this research promotes greater accessibility, interoperability, and long-term preservation of important legal and historical data.

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Thank you very much