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Yolanda Roberts
50 Winfield Scott Plaza
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Dear Ms. Roberts:


My request seeks records pertaining to all forms of Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology, which also may be referred to as Automatic License Plate Readers, or as Automatic Vehicle Identification, Number Plate Recognition, or Car Plate Recognition software, hardware, equipment, units, or systems.

Please provide electronic copies of the following records made, maintained, kept on file, or received by your agency from January 1, 2006, to the present:

1. All policies, procedures, and other general guidelines for procuring and using ALPR technology, and for storing, accessing and sharing data scanned with ALPR technology;

2. With respect to procurement of ALPR technology, all:
   a. Records detailing the sources of funds that have been or will be expended for this purpose, including but not limited to grant award letters and budget documents;
   b. Invoices for purchases completed or in process;
   c. Official government approvals of purchases completed or in process;
   d. Fact sheets and other materials describing the products of vendors, suppliers and prospective suppliers;

3. With respect to use of ALPR technology, records detailing:
   a. All types of data scanned, recorded, or otherwise captured;
   b. The number of license plates scanned per day, week, month and year, and the average numbers for each period;
   c. The number of units or systems acquired;
d. The number of vehicles equipped with such units or systems;

e. The number and physical locations of stationary units or systems;

f. All technical capabilities and specifications of each type of unit or system used;

4. With respect to storage of data scanned with ALPR technology, records detailing:
   a. All types of data stored for any period longer than one hour;
   b. The length of time that each type of data is stored;
   c. The number of individual license plate scans currently stored by your agency;
   d. The length of time after which data may be discarded;
   e. The length of time after which data must be discarded;

5. With respect to accessing ALPR data, records detailing:
   a. All purposes for which the data may be accessed;
   b. All purposes for which the data cannot be accessed;
   c. Who may access the data, what legal justification is required to obtain access, what procedures must be followed, and who must authorize access;
   d. All systems or methods used to record who accesses the data, and under what circumstances;

6. With respect to sharing ALPR data, records detailing:
   a. All types of data shared by and with your agency;
   b. All public or private individuals or entities that have access to your agency’s ALPR data, the procedures they must follow to gain such access, and the restrictions placed on them with respect to further sharing of data, including but not limited to sharing agreements and other documents identifying the databases to which your agency supplies data;
   c. All public or private individuals or entities that provide your agency with access to ALPR data, the procedures your agency must follow to gain such access, and the restrictions placed on your agency with respect to further sharing of data, including but not limited to sharing agreements and other documents identifying the databases from which your agency receives data;

7. All training materials used to instruct members of your agency in ALPR technology use, data management, or operation of automated records systems containing ALPR data to which any member of your agency has access, including regional or shared databases.

If you determine that any portions of the requested materials are exempt from disclosure, please redact only that which you believe is exempt and provide the remaining, non-exempt portions. Also, please send me a letter detailing the specific exemption(s) on which each deletion relies. If the cost of copies for this request does not exceed $50, you may proceed without further
approval and send me an invoice with the records. Otherwise, please advise me of the cost before filling the request so that we can discuss arrangements.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please furnish all responsive documents to the undersigned at the address listed above. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 973-854-1713 or tmacleod@aclu-nj.org.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Thomas W. MacLeod
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