City of Greensboro
North Carolina

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Ms. Katherine Lewis Parker
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Of North Carolina
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Re: Cell Phone Location Records

Dear Ms. Parker:

Your request for material relating to cell phone location records has been referred to me for response.

I can advise that the Greensboro Police Department does not have the technical capacity to track cell phones (real-time) nor access records regarding where cell phones have been in the past. We cannot locate cell phones, including “cell site”, triangulation or GPS.

My research has disclosed that the only involvement with such investigative methods have been in some form of assistance with a federal or state agency as the lead investigative agency and which would have obtained a court order for the use of any of the investigative methods listed in your request. I understand that such orders were obtained on the basis of probable cause and the issuing judge ordered that such Order is to be sealed.

I trust that this response addresses your inquiry.

Yours truly,

Maurice A. Cawn
Greensboro Police Attorney