Dear Law Enforcement Partner,

Your agency has requested assistance from the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS), Intelligence Fusion Center (IFC) involving cell phone locating/tracking. Our mission at the DPS IFC is to assist in any way possible and partner with you towards a successful resolution of your investigation.

In order to efficiently deploy and utilize our resources we are asking that the following circumstances be taken into consideration:

- Legal Requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 808B must be adhered to. (DPS IFC Special Agent will assist.)
- A PEN Register/Trap-Trace or a cell phone Geo-locator service will be required on all cases.
- Any fees associated with a PEN Register/Trap-Trace and/or a cell phone Geo-locator service initiated by the cell phone provider will be the responsibility of the requesting agency.
- Non-disclosure of methods used to locate. (Do not mention to the public or media the use of cell phone technology or equipment used to locate the targeted subject.)
- Understand that cell phone locating/tracking is locating the cell phone not the subject. Thus, no information gathered from the locating can be used as sole probable cause for entry into a residence to affect an arrest or for obtaining a search warrant to enter the residence.
- Submission of a Request for Equipment Form (LEIN Intelligence Submission Form) must be filled out with the basic details of the case to insure proper analytical support from the DPS IFC.
- Police Reports will not include details of the methods and equipment used to locate the subject.
- If necessary, your agency Public Information Officer (PIO) can coordinate with the DPS PIO.

Please contact the assisting IFC Special Agent and/or the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Intelligence Fusion Center at (800) 308-5933 for further coordination reference your request.

Sincerely,

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