



March 3, 2017

Records Access Officer
Boston Police Department
1 Schroeder Plaza
Boston, MA 02120

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Public Records Law. G.L. c. 66, § 10.

On March 2, members of the Boston Police Department (BPD) were photographed filming protesters at a contentious Boston Planning & Development Agency meeting. See: <https://twitter.com/KyleClauss/status/837425159497789440>

Please provide the following records.

1. Any policy or operational order describing the filming of First Amendment protected activity.
2. Any records (including emails) including a directive to members of the BPD to film protesters at the March 2, 2017 Boston Planning & Development Agency meeting.
3. Any legal justification for the above referenced filming.
4. The video shot by the BPD officials in the above referenced tweet.
5. Any Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) files describing or referencing the protests cited above.
6. Any record containing a description of the criminal predicate that provided a justification for the above referenced surveillance (i.e. the filming of the protest).

Beginning January 1, 2017, Records Access Officers must permit inspection or furnish a copy of a requested public record within 10 business days following receipt of a public records request. If your office withholds portions of the requested documents on the grounds that they are exempt from disclosure, please specify which exemptions and release any portions of the records for which you do not claim an exemption. I ask that you waive any assessed fees pursuant to 950 C.M.R. 32.07(k), which allows Records Access Officers to waive or reduce the amount of any fee upon a showing that (1) disclosure of a requested record is in the public interest; (2) the request for records is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester; or (3) the requester lacks the financial ability to pay the full amount of the reasonable fee.

ACLUM is a nonprofit organization with no commercial interest in the records, and these matters are squarely within the public interest.

Should you determine that some portion of the documents requested are exempt from disclosure, please release any reasonably segregable portions that are not exempt. In addition, please note the applicable statutory exemption and explain why it applies to the redacted portions. As you know, a custodian of public records shall comply with a request within ten days after receipt.

Please reply to this request to by contacting Kade Crockford at 617-482-3170 x346 or kcrockford@aclum.org.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kade Crockford
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