

## TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT



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On February 14, 2020, we received your request pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law for the following records:

- 1. All communications, including text messages and emails, between or among any staff member or representative of the police department and any representative of any company that manufactures or sells any facial recognition product, including but not limited to Clearview AI;
- 2. All internal communications, including text messages and emails, referencing any company that manufactures or sells any facial recognition product or service, including but not limited to Clearview AI;
- 3. Records evidencing or describing any existing or potential relationship between the police department and all companies that manufacture or sell any facial recognition product, including but not limited to Clearview AI. These records include but are not limited to MOUs, purchase orders, RFPs, licensing agreements, invoices, non-disclosure agreements, project proposals, and other contracts;
- 4. Records referencing the operational effectiveness or accuracy rate of any of facial recognition service or product. These records include but are not limited to e-mails, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, audits, and specification documents:
- 5. Training materials related to facial recognition products or services;
- 6. Policies and procedures pertaining to the use of facial recognition products or services, or the data they produce; and
- 7. Records relating to any public process, meeting, or debate about any facial recognition products or services. These include but are not limited to meeting agendas or minutes, public notices, analyses, and communications between the police department and elected officials.

With respect to your request, the Bridgewater Police Department intends to withhold the above-referenced requested records due to the applicability of the following exemption:

Exemption (f): This exemption applies to "investigatory materials necessarily compiled out of the public view by law enforcement or other investigatory officials the disclosure of which materials would probably so prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement that such disclosure would not be in the public interest." While this exemption is not a blanket exemption is applies to such information, the disclosure of which would prejudice investigative efforts. In particular, it applies to information related to ongoing investigations, confidential investigative techniques and information which directly or indirectly identifies witnesses or informants. The records requested contain information on investigative materials and/or techniques. As a result, such information must be redacted under the law.

Please be advised that pursuant to 950 CMR 32.00 and G.L. c. 66, section 10A(a) you have the right to appeal this decision to the Supervisor of Public Records within 90 calendar days. Such appeal shall be in writing, and shall include a copy of the letter by which the request was made and, if available, a copy of the letter by which the custodian responded. The Supervisor shall accept an appeal only from a person who had made his or her record request in writing. Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, section 10A(c), you also have the right to seek judicial review my commencing a civil action in the superior court.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Records Access Officer** 

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