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#### Department of Criminal Justice Information Services

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Kade Crockford Director Technology for Liberty Program **ACLU of Massachusetts** 

## Dear Director Crockford:

This responds to your public records request dated September 20, 2019. Thank you for agreeing to provide the DCJIS with an extension of time to respond to your request.

Your request seeks the following records:

- "1. Records, including emails and contracts, related to the installation of facial recognition software in the state AFIS system, as shown by Exhibit A;
- 2. Records, including external and internal communications like emails, relating to or revealing the use of face recognition technology at the agency or by people belonging to the agency or by people not belonging to the agency but using this technology at the request of the agency;
- 3. Records showing relationships and agreements with local, state, and/or federal agencies pertaining to facial recognition technology. This includes but is not limited to all contracts or MOUs referencing or pertaining to the technology."

In response to your request, the DCJIS has included several emails and an FBI Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Information letter that are responsive to the requests in paragraphs 1 through

3. There were no additional agreements that were signed with the FBI in order to submit booking photographs through the AFIS. Therefore, there are no agreements or contracts responsive to your request.

If you wish to challenge any aspect of this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 C.M.R. 32.08, a copy of which is available at http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/. You may also file a civil action in accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A.

Very truly yours,

Agapi Koulouris



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