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The Amherst Police Department has received your request for public records dated May 8, 2024. Specifically, you have requested the following records:

- 1. Any written instructions or briefing materials provided to APD personnel in connection with the UMass Amherst Action;
- 2. All reports concerning the UMass Amherst Action, including any police reports, incident reports, and use of force reports;
- 3. All video and audio recordings of or concerning the UMass Amherst Action, including any footage from body-worn cameras and vehicle cameras, any audio recordings of any dispatch or other radio communications, and any 911 calls or other recorded phone calls;
- 4. All records concerning any criminal charges arising from or related to the UMass Amherst Action, including any criminal complaints or other charging documents;
- 5. All records concerning any injuries sustained by police, protestors, or anyone else in connection with the UMass Amherst Action, including any prisoner injury reports;
- 6. All records of any determinations or discussions in connection with the UMass Amherst Action of whether an unlawful assembly existed, whether under G.L. ch. 269, sec. 1, or otherwise;

- 7. All records of any instructions or commands given during the UMass Amherst Action, including any instructions to disperse under G.L. ch. 269, sec. 1;
- 8. All records of any complaints of officer misconduct and internal affairs investigations relating to the UMass Amherst Action;
- 9. All communications between the APD and the University of Massachusetts, including the UMass Police Department, concerning the UMass Amherst Action;
- 10. All communications between the APD and state departments, offices, and agencies, including the Massachusetts State Police, concerning the UMass Amherst Action; and
- 11. All communications between the APD and the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office concerning the UMass Amherst Action.

Please be advised that a record holder's duty to respond to requests for information extends only to records that are in existence and in custody, and therefore the Amherst Police Department is under no obligation to create records in response to your request. See G.L. c.4, §7(26). Therefore, to the extent that any of the records you have requested do not exist, or do not exist in the format you have requested, the Amherst Police Department has no obligation to, and will not, create such a record.

The Amherst Police Department does possess records responsive to your request. The records that are being produced are listed below and are attached to this response. These attachments have not been reducted in any way.

Item #1

No responsive records found.

Item #2

CAD Log #24-8685

Items #3-#8

No responsive records found.

Items #9-#11

Communications, inclusive.

There is no fee associated with the production of these records.

You may appeal this response to the Supervisor of Public Records pursuant to 950 CMR 32.08(1)(d). By law, the Supervisor is required to respond within 10 business days of receipt of

your appeal. You may also seek judicial review of an unfavorable response by commencing a civil action in the superior court, under G.L. c. 66, §10A(c).

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