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Via First Class Mail

Lisa A. Presby
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Office of the City Solicitor
133 William Street - Room 203
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Presby:

This is a request for public records under M.G.L. ch. 66, § 10 made on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Massachusetts.

Your office and Captain Oliveira from the New Bedford Police Department (NBPD) have been very helpful in providing Field Interview Reports. I am writing to request updated records on the NBPD's policies and practices concerning (1) unbiased policing (2) citizen stops, frisks, searches, and arrests and (3) anti-gang initiatives.

Please provide all memoranda, policies, procedures, directives, guidance, rules, regulations, legal analysis, and training materials pertaining to:

1. unbiased policing and implicit bias;
2. the stop, frisk, search, and arrest of civilians, including pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists;
3. consensual encounters and searches;
4. the circumstances in which the NBPD employs or considers race or ethnicity in policing, and when it prohibits such employment or consideration;

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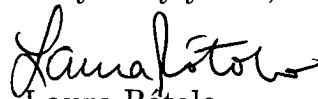
5. the standards for recording race and/or ethnicity in records concerning police-civilian encounters, including observations, stops, frisks, searches, consent searches, arrests, citations, and summons;
6. the supervision or training of officers who conduct police-civilian encounters;
7. the “meet and greet” program and the high-energy patrol initiative;
8. the use of police-civilian encounters in anti-gang initiatives and enforcement;
9. the entry, use, and dissemination of information in gang databases; and
10. community policing.

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, G. L. c. 66, § 10(b), we request a response to this request within ten days.

Because this request involves a matter of public concern and is made on behalf of a nonprofit organization, I ask that you waive any copying costs pursuant to 950 CMR 32.06(5).

Please call me if you have any questions regarding the scope of this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Captain Oliveira, New Bedford Police Dep't (via US Mail)