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**Scott W. Carline**  
Chief of Police

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Sent via email

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am in receipt of your public records request pertaining to facial recognition. The Public Records Law strongly favors disclosure creating a presumption that all governmental records are public records. G.L. c. 66, § 10(b); see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(4).

"Public Records" is broadly defined to include all documentary materials or data, regardless of physical form, characteristics, made or received by any officer or employee of any town of the Commonwealth, unless falling within a statutory exemption. G.L.c. 4, § 7(26).

After a search of our records created on or after January 1, 2019:

1. We have no communications of any company that sells any facial recognition product.
2. We have no internal communication referencing any company that manufactures or sells any facial recognition product.
3. We have no records evidencing or describing any existing or potential relationship between the police department and all companies that manufacture or sell any facial recognition product.
4. We have no records referencing the operational effectiveness or accuracy of facial recognition.
5. We have no training materials related strictly to facial recognition.
6. We have no policies or procedures pertaining to the use of facial recognition.
7. We have no records relating to any public process, meeting or debate about any facial recognition services.

As previously stated, The Mashpee Police Department wishes to respond to your request. Pursuant to 950 C.M.R. 32.08, you may appeal this response to the Supervisor of Public Records within 90 days at the following address:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Public Records Division  
1 Ashburton Place  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

If I can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Professionally,



Scott W. Carline  
Chief of Police  
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