

From Gerald Arvelo <garvelo@southbridgemass.org>  
Subject **Re: Form submission from: Records Request**  
To Emiliano Falcon <efalcon@aclum.org>  
Date Tue, 18 Feb 2020 15:43:13 +0000

Good morning,

After conducting a search for the information that you have requested. It has been concluded that the Southbridge Police has no record of having any correspondence with Clearview AI.

Respectfully,  
Ofc. Gerald Arvelo  
Records Access Officer  
Southbridge Police Department

> On Feb 14, 2020, at 2:33 PM, Emiliano Falcon via Southbridge MA wrote:

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> Submitted on Friday, February 14, 2020 - 2:32pm

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> Submitted values are:

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> Name: Emiliano Falcon

> Email: efalcon@aclum.org

> Request:

> Dear Records Access Officer,

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> This is a request under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, §

> 10, made on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts

> ("ACLUM").

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> Clearview AI ("Clearview"), a facial recognition technology start-up,  
> makes available to law enforcement a product that attempts to match photos of  
> unknown people to images in a database. Clearview AI's database reportedly  
> contains billions of pictures scraped from social media sites like Facebook,  
> YouTube, and Venmo. According to newspapers, Clearview AI markets this  
> product to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. This company  
> is just one of many that market their facial recognition technology to  
> government agencies.

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> ACLUM has significant concerns about the use of facial recognition in  
> Massachusetts. We therefore seek records pertaining to Clearview AI and other  
> facial recognition companies and products.

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> Records requested

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> This request includes but is not limited to the following records created on  
> or after January 1, 2019:

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> 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.

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> Because this request involves a matter of public concern and is made on  
> behalf of a nonprofit organization, we ask that you waive any fees. ACLUM is  
> a nonprofit §501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the protection of civil  
> rights and liberties for all persons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As  
> the state's affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of  
> Massachusetts is part of a nationwide network of advocates dedicated to  
> defending and expanding the civil liberties of all.

> If you decide not to waive fees, we request that you permit us to examine, at

> our election, the responsive documents before determining which portions to

> copy. We prefer the documents in electronic format.

> If you believe that some portion of the documents requested are exempt from

> disclosure or require redaction, please release any reasonably segregable

> portions that are not exempt. Also, please note the applicable statutory

> exemption and explain why it applies to the redacted portions. As you know, a  
> custodian of public records shall comply with a request within ten days after  
> receipt.

> If you have questions about this request, please contact me at (617) 482-3170  
> x402 or [efalcon@aclum.org](mailto:efalcon@aclum.org)

> Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to your response.

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> The results of this submission may be viewed at:

> <https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?>

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