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Mrs. Crawford;

In response to the records request you have filed and SPR 19/0752 records request appeal, regarding Facial Recognition information from January 1, 2016, the Medford Police Department responds as follows:

The Department has identified the enclosed records as pertaining to the above request:

Approximately 245 emails communications regarding Facial Recognition products and services from January 2016 to March 2019, are contained within the enclosed CD, with the exception of email communications with the Commonwealth Fusion Center.

From January 2016 to March 2019, the Department had 332 email communications. Due to several identical emails having been received by multiple Officers of the Department, a large percentage of the emails are duplicative, as such I have identified 60 emails as so called "originals". Of those 60 emails I have enclosed copies of only information which is pertinent to your request regarding Facial Recognition products and services information. Information that is not related to Facial Recognition has been redacted as not germane to the specific request, also the following information has been redacted per the identified exceptions allowed under the Public Records Law Massachusetts General laws Chapter 66 Section 10.

1. 42 "original" emails from the Fusion Center include an attachment titled Area Wide Detective Contact List. The list includes the contact Titled "Facial Recognition Mass RMV" and lists the phone number and email address which have been redacted per the investigatory exemption F:

investigatory materials necessarily compiled out of the public view by law enforcement or other investigatory officials the disclosure of which materials would probably so prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement that such disclosure would not be in the public interest

2. 1 "original" email dated 3/8/3019 contains information in a note regarding assistance with Facial Recognition with contact information which has been redacted per the investigatory exemption F. All other information has been redacted as not pertinent to this request.

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3. 2 “original” emails are in reference to Facial Recognition training, with redactions per exemption F

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4. 12 “original” emails are in regards to the use of Facial Recognition for the identification of individuals and suspects in connection to law enforcement investigations. Information has not been released per the following exemptions:

Exemption F

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Exemption C

personnel and medical files or information; also any other materials or data relating to a specifically named individual, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy

5. 5 “original” emails contain the attachment “The Fraud Guide” which includes a section regarding Facial Recognition. The information has not been released due to exemption F

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If I can be of further assistance I can be contacted at 781-960-4683 or email jcasey@medfordpolice.com.

Truly,


Lt. Joseph Casey