

Salem PD response sent by email on July 8.



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Mary E. Butler

Chief of Police

Kade Crockford

Director, Technology for Liberty Program

ACLU of Massachusetts

(via email; kcrockford@aclum.org)

Dear Kade Crockford:

Receipt of your public records request received on June 19, 2019 for Salem Police Department records relating to the Department's use of facial-recognition products or services. As an initial matter, please be advised that the Department has no documents responsive to requests #3, 4, 5, or 7.

With respect to request #1, the Department has identified an MOU as responsive to your request.

Regarding requests #2 and 6, the Department has conducted a search and identified 20 potential emails. After a careful review of the emails, it was discovered that a number of them were duplicates as a result of email replying and forwarding between Department members. To avoid confusion, the earliest dated emails within the specific chains were removed from the results which ensured that only the final email in the chain would remain without losing any text or corresponding attachments.

Additionally, please note that if an investigation is undertaken by this Department and requires the use of facial-recognition technology, a request for investigative assistance is sent to an agency that has expertise in the use of that technology. Therefore, the majority of the emails and attachments contain references to pending investigations, active cases, CORI information, investigative materials, and security information and is therefore subject to exemption under M.G.L. c. 4, section 7, clauses 26(a) (materials specifically exempted from disclosure by statute), (b) (internal rules and practices of the government unit), (f) (investigative exemption), and (n) (policies and procedures related to the security and safety of persons) as well as M.G.L. c. 6, § 172 and M.G.L. c. 66, section 10B.

If you require an additional information, please contact me at (978) 744-0171, extension 50138 or by email at fryan@salempd.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frederick Ryan".

Frederick Ryan

Captain,

Keeper of the Records