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RE: ALPR Records Request
P006028-081623

Dear Director Crockford and Attorney Lewis,

The Department of State Police (hereinafter "the Department") hereby responds to your public records request dated August 16, 2023 seeking the following documents related to the Department's use of automatic license plate readers (ALPR):

REQUESTS

(1) A copy of the records within the ALPR System or Database, with appropriate redactions to protect personal privacy. This request seeks without limitation an export, download, printout, or copy of the database to include the following information:

a) Total number of "hits" as of the date of production;
b) Total number of "reads" as of the date of production, including associated metadata
for each "read," with appropriate redactions to protect personal privacy;
c) Total number of cameras which feed into (or populate) the ALPR System or Database;
d) Locations of cameras which feed into (or populate) the ALPR System or Database;
e) Total number of "hits" per camera which feeds into (or populates) the ALPR System or Database.

(2) To the extent this information is not included in the response to request no. 1, records sufficient to show the total number of cameras which feed into (or populate) the ALPR System or Database.
(3) To the extent this information is not included in the response to request no. 1, records sufficient to show the locations of cameras which feed into (or populate) the ALPR System or Database.
(4) Record(s) defining the terms "hits" and "reads" as relates to information stored within the ALPR Database. See Exhibit C.
(5) Records showing how many times, by whom, and for what reasons the ALPR System or Database was queried. As used herein, "queried" is defined as use of the system to find information about a license plate number.
(6) Records, including communications, pertaining to the Commonwealth's implementation of the ruling in Commonwealth v. McCarthy, including any legal memoranda, guidance, policy
statements, procedures, meeting notes, or emails, that show how policies and practices were impacted or affected by the ruling.
(7) All audit logs documenting access and use of the ALPR database. This request includes information showing the date and time, event, user, and completion status. See Exhibit B at p. 2. This request expressly exempts the license plate number or other identifying information regarding the plate queried.
(8) Protocols, procedures, or guidelines related to transmission of information about ALPR use to defendants in criminal cases and/or district attorney offices.
(9) Records pertaining to any alleged or confirmed misuse or abuse of ALPR data, including but not limited to emails, memoranda, disciplinary records, audits, and complaints.
(10) All agreements or contracts related to sharing and/or accessing of ALPR data, including but not limited to memoranda of agreement and emails.
(11) A list of all authorized users of the ALPR system, including their names and the names of their employers.
(12) Records pertaining to companies that provide ALPR software, hardware, and data tools used or accessed by the MSP, including but not limited to contracts, agreements, descriptions of products, emails, brochures, marketing materials, training documents, and bids.

RESPONSES

REQUEST 1(a)
Enclosed please find graph of data responsive to the request.

REQUEST 1(b)
Enclosed please find graph of data responsive to the request.

REQUEST 1 (c)
Range 60-80 cameras.

REQUEST 1 (d)
The request is denied. The security exemption exempts from disclosure records "including but not limited to blueprints, plans, policies, procedures and schematic drawings, which relate to internal layout and structural elements, security measures, emergency preparedness, threat or vulnerability assessments, or any other records relating to the security or safety of persons or buildings, structures, facilities, utilities, transportation or other infrastructure located within the commonwealth, the disclosure of which, in the reasonable judgment of the record custodian,