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Dear Mr. Khadim,

Your FOIA request wherein you requested:

For the period January 1, 2021 to present, unless otherwise noted:

1. Contracts, purchase orders, invoices, renewals, amendments, and payment records with the following vendors (including any subsidiaries, resellers, or successor entities):

- Motorola Solutions, including Vigilant Solutions
- Flock Safety
- SignalTrace
- Valerence Covert
- LiveView Technologies (LiveView Tech)
- Axis Communications
- Any other vendor supplying camera, ALPR, or video surveillance hardware, software, or services to the City or Charleston Police Department

2. All of the above, specifically as they relate to:

- Body-worn cameras, including all Motorola V300, V700, or other model units purchased, leased, or in service
- In-car video and ALPR systems, including the Motorola M500 or similar units, both fixed and mobile/in-car
- The fixed ALPR unit located on Pennsylvania Avenue, and any other fixed ALPR units in the City, including any located on or serving the West Side
- In-car ALPR units assigned to or operating anywhere in the City of Charleston, including patrol assignment or deployment records if they exist
- Any park camera systems, including but not limited to the eleven cameras referenced in City records covering city parks such as Magic Island
- Any stealth, covert, or unmarked camera systems
- Any high-traffic or high-crime area camera systems
- Any other fixed or mobile camera or video system operated by or on behalf of the City or CPD

3. For each system above, records showing:

- Line-item descriptions of hardware, software, services, warranties, refreshes, training, and installation purchased or leased
- What was quoted by the vendor versus what was ultimately purchased

- The purchase order number, the dollar amount, and the name and title of the City official who signed or approved each purchase order
 - Total one-time (capital) cost and total recurring/annual cost for each system
 - The City's total annual spend across all camera, ALPR, and video surveillance systems and related software/licensing, for each year from 2021 to present
 - Current contract terms, expiration dates, and renewal terms or options for each system and each related software or cloud-hosting agreement
4. Records describing any software, licensing, cloud storage, evidence management, data hosting, AI modules, analytics platforms, dashboards, or upgrade paths tied to any of the systems above, including:
- Any document, quote, license agreement, or internal communication describing the option, pathway, or administrative ability to activate AI analysis, facial recognition, behavioral analytics, or expanded data sharing on any camera system, whether or not that option has been exercised
 - Confirmation of which camera systems currently have any AI software or AI analytics module active, and which do not
 - For the ALPR systems specifically (fixed and in-car), all records describing what AI, analytics, or software capability the City is currently receiving or paying for as part of its Motorola/Vigilant agreement
5. Policies, use agreements, data-retention schedules, standard operating procedures, audits, or reports governing any of these systems, including:
- Any CPD or City policy on ALPR or camera use, data retention, and data sharing with outside agencies
 - Any audit, internal review, or report examining who has accessed ALPR or camera data, how often, and for what purpose
 - Any data-sharing agreements with other law enforcement agencies, state agencies, or federal agencies (including but not limited to ICE or CBP) involving ALPR or camera data
6. Internal communications or memos, from January 1, 2022 to present, among City or CPD officials discussing potential upgrades to AI surveillance capability on any camera or ALPR system, including emails, memos, meeting minutes, or briefing documents.

was reviewed in accordance with West Virginia Code §29B-1-1, et seq. and applicable legal standards. In response to your FOIA requests Nos. 1-5, you will find documents containing responsive information to your request at this link: [☐ Surveillance Camera and ALPR Contracts, Purchases, and Policies](#) Documents responsive to your request that are not subject to an exemption are located in this file. If and/or when additional documents are provided to me by various departments, I will add them to this file and will notify you of their addition.

In response to your Request No. 6, W. Va. Code §29B-1-4(a)(8) allows for the withholding of “[i]nternal memoranda or letters received or prepared by any public body[.]” This language and similar language in federal law has been held to incorporate a protection similar to the attorney-client privilege. Along with W. Va. Code §29B-1-4(4)(A) which states that “records of law-enforcement agencies that deal with the detection and investigation of crime and the internal records and notations of such law-enforcement agencies which are maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement,” are also exempt from production. Accordingly, documents that are considered internal memoranda are exempt from disclosure and will not be included in the file.

The City reserves its right to assert any exemption from disclosure pursuant to West Virginia Code §29B-1-4, the common law, and other applicable law. With the submission of this email, the response of the City to your request is complete. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter and the City elects to waive assessing any fees respecting your request, as authorized in West Virginia Code §29B-1-3. You are further advised that the Freedom of Information Act affords you the opportunity to seek injunctive or

declaratory relief in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County. As always, if we have misunderstood your request, or if you are requesting different or additional information, please contact our office.

Thank you,

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