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MPIA Request Monitoring of Social Media

Dear Mr. Guariglia,

You have made a request for public records pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, § 4-101, et seq, to the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD"). The Office of Media Relations has received and forwarded your request to this office for review and comment. You have asked to review documents or communications demonstrating the monitoring of social media and before and after April 25, 2015,

This office has conferred with the Custodian of the Analytical Intelligence Section of BPD concerning your request. Based on that meeting, BPD must deny your request for records and as grounds for that decision asserts the following:

To the extent that you request seeks documentation concerning monitoring of online social media and social networks Criminal Intelligence Section or any other section of the BPD, the Custodian advised that to disclose such information/documents would otherwise reveal specific technology that BPD uses to gather intelligence information in connection with its law enforcement mandate. To disclose specifics related to that technology, i.e. the provider of said software, could jeopardize law enforcement operations going forward. To this end, please see MPIA Section 4-351(a)(3) which states: "(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a custodian may deny inspection of (3) records that contain intelligence information..."

Nothing in this response is intended to indicate that any records sought from the BPD exist or to waive any privileges held by the BPD. You may contest this response by filing a complaint for Judicial Review in Circuit Court pursuant to MPIA Section 4-362.

Sincerely,

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