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Re: Maryland Public Information Request

Dear Ms. Kumar,

In your August 12, 2013 to Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Commissioner Anthony W. Batts, you requested records pertaining to BPD's policies and procedures pertaining to the stop and frisk of citizens. The Maryland Public Information Act ("MPIA"), Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-611, et seq. governs your request.

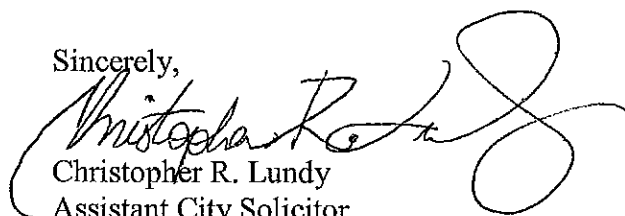
MPIA Section 10-621 permits the BPD to charge reasonable fees for the time required to search, prepare, and copy records. The BPD charges \$50 per hour for the time required to search for, compile, and prepare the responsive records. The BPD Custodian of Records has determined that there are over one hundred thousand records responsive to your request. The Custodian has estimated that it would take in excess of one month to search for, compile, and redact the personal information contained within the responsive records. In an effort to minimize the charges associated with your request the BPD is providing you with figures regarding investigative stops for 2010 through 2012. Please advise if you would prefer for the BPD to begin to undertake the enormous search for all of the responsive records. If so, you will be provided with a more detailed cost estimate for the search.

The BPD has determined the following approximate totals for citizen police encounters. Please note that these approximate numbers include citizen police encounters as a result of vehicle stops, citizens contacted regarding ongoing investigations, and citizens contacted as a result of dispatched calls for service. These approximate numbers may not include all citizens who were contacted and subsequently arrested. Such encounters would be documented via an incident report. Additionally, these numbers are approximate and fluctuate due to the ongoing submission and review of these reports. The BPD is unable to provide you with approximate 2013 figures at this time. These reports are currently still under review and have not yet been finalized.

In 2010 59,320 investigative stops were entered into the database. 203 of those individuals were searched resulting in the recovery of 18 controlled dangerous substances, 12 guns, and 4 knives. In 2011 80,429 investigative stops were entered into the database. 209 of those individuals were searched resulting in the recovery of 9 controlled dangerous substances, 2 guns, and 1 knife. In 2012 there were a total of 123,221 investigative stops. Of the 90,066 entered into the database 494 of those individuals were searched resulting in the recovery of 10 controlled dangerous substances, 9 guns, and 1 knife.

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 MPA Section 10-623.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher R. Lundy", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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