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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.

The BPD is in the process of repealing the use of the terminology "stop and frisk." Citizen stops will more properly be referred to as "investigative stops" motivated by reasonable articulable suspicion. Enclosed are the records provided by the custodian of records as responsive to your request for policies and procedures governing the stop and frisk of individuals. Please note that the BPD General Orders ("G.O.s") are currently under revision to reflect this and other changes. As a result, the G.O.s will likely change from the version being provided to you at this time. Moreover, the BPD will be implementing a new G.O. that will specifically govern "investigative stops."

The BPD is diligently working to provide the responsive records to the remainder of your request. As a result, the BPD will not be able to satisfy your request within thirty (30) days. Pursuant to MPIA Section10-614(b)(4), the BPD is seeking a time extension of an additional thirty days to respond to your request.

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 10-623. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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