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Re: Notice of Potential Litigation

Dear Counsel:

Along with the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland, we represent Mr. Christopher Sharp. As set forth in more detail in the enclosed draft complaint, officers of the Baltimore Police Department violated Mr. Sharp's Constitutional rights on May 15, 2010 when they acted under departmental policy, practice, or custom that guides officers unlawfully to detain and improperly seize and search the property of individuals who record police officers performing their official duties in public.

Our client would prefer to resolve this matter amicably. Accordingly, we are willing to discuss a resolution that would address the department's unlawful practices concerning recording police officers who are performing their official duties in public and include a reasonable settlement amount for Mr. Sharp.

If we have not heard from you or your representatives by August 24, 2011, we will assume that you are not interested in an amicable resolution of this matter and will file the enclosed complaint.

We also note that you should retain all documents (including electronic copies) evidencing the department's policies, practices, customs, or actions with respect to recording police officers performing their official duties in public. Your efforts to preserve relevant documents should include without limitation preserving any

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presently-existing and future emails, server logs, and other communication (electronic or otherwise) referencing recording police officers performing their official duties in public.)

Thank you for your prompt and ntion to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Simpson Mary E. Borja

cc: Deborah Jeon, ACLU of Maryland