December 5th, 2016

VIA EMAIL
Adam Schwartz
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Dear Mr. Schwartz,

On or about November 16th, 2016, the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office received your data practice request made pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Specifically, you requested:

“All records that relate or refer to cell site simulators (CSSs) that your agency uses or plans to use.

1) All records that relate or refer to the use of CSSs at protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

2) All records that relate or refer to the use of any other equipment at protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

3) All records that relate or refer to technical specifications about CSSs.

4) All policies (including procedures, protocols, guidelines, standards, and practices), legal analysis, and training materials that relate or refer to CSSs.

5) All records sent to or from the CSSs’ manufacturers and vendors, including but not limited to correspondence, promotional materials, presentations, contracts, memoranda of understanding, service agreements, invoices, purchase orders, loan agreements, nondisclosure agreements, and procurement documents (including but not limited to solicitation documents, notices of proposed contracts, proposed bids, unsolicited proposals, and documents about contracting without open competition).

6) All records that relate or refer to grants (including but not limited to proposals and awards) to purchase CSSs.

7) All records sent to or from federal, state, and local government agencies about CSSs, including requests to use or borrow CSSs.

8) All records sent to or from any wireless service provider concerning CSSs.
9) All records that relate or refer to use of CSSs and data collected from CSSs, including but not limited to logs of who, when, and why the devices were used.

10) All records that relate or refer to search warrants or orders from federal or state courts pertaining to the use of CSSs in criminal investigations.

11) All records that relate or refer to the installation or use of a mobile cellular tower (including but not limited to a portable or temporary tower) in the vicinity of protesters against the Dakota Access Pipeline, including but not limited to any correspondence or contract with any wireless service provider.

12) All records that relate or refer to the use or chartering of planes, helicopters, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in the vicinity of protesters against the Dakota Access Pipeline, including but not limited to any logs of deployments.

13) All records that your agency has released to any other requester under the North Dakota open records statute (a) about CSSs, (b) about mobile cellular towers installed or used in the vicinity of the protesters against the Dakota Access Pipeline, and (c) about planes, helicopters, or UAVs used in the vicinity of those protesters.”

Pursuant to the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), any requests regarding the EMAC should be directed to the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, a division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, at 651-201-7400; as they are the responsible and releasing authority for the information requested.

Pursuant to the terms of the EMAC, any release of information related to the MN-EMAC operation must be approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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