



can be utilized, as well as the process in place for doing so, would reveal sensitive technological and investigative capabilities possessed by the Department. Such disclosure may allow individuals who are the subject of investigation wherein this equipment/technology is used to employ countermeasures to avoid detection by law enforcement. This would not only potentially endanger the lives and physical safety of law enforcement officers and other individuals, but also adversely impact criminal investigations.

The second paragraph of your request seeks any training materials for the use of Cell Site Simulators. Members of the Department have received training regarding the use of this equipment and a search is being conducted to identify any related documents in our possession, custody or control.

Request number five (5) in your letter seeks all Boston Regional Intelligence Center intelligence reports that mention Cell Site Simulators. Please be advised that a diligent search was completed in response to this portion of your request and yielded negative results.

Finally, requests three (3), four (4), six (6) and seven (7) seek information regarding the use of Cell Site Simulators during criminal investigations. The Department is in the process of identifying any information responsive to these requests and making a determination as to whether or not such material is subject to disclosure as a public record. Upon completion of its search for potentially responsive information for these portions of your request, the Department will provide further response. In the interim, please note that this type of equipment is commonly used in critical search and/or rescue incidents, including, for example, kidnapping, custodial interference, missing persons, Amber alerts, and other situations where a person is in immediate danger of harm, that may not result in a criminal prosecution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the information contained herein or would like a status on the remaining portions of the request. If you have been denied records by the Boston Police Department, you have the right to appeal this decision with the Supervisor of Public Records at the Public Records Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures