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Commissioner Ramona Dohman
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street
Suite 1000
Saint Paul, MN 55101-5000

Dear Commissioner Dohman,

I am making a request for access to government data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13.

Through my request, I am seeking the following public data:

- 1.) Any and all memoranda of understanding (MOUs), contracts, and/or agreements made between your agency and/or its component the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), and the United States Department of Homeland Security and/or its component the United States Customs and Border Patrol, related to the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) by your agency and/or its BCA component;
- 2.) Any and all policies that govern the use of UAVs by your agency and/or its BCA component;
- 3.) Any and all memoranda that describe the legal basis and/or legal threshold for the use of UAVs by your agency and/or its BCA component;
- 4.) Any and all data that describe the surveillance capabilities of UAVs used by your agency and/or its BCA component, including specifications related to visual and audio surveillance, and/or cell phone signal interception.

If responsive data are found to exist, I would first like the opportunity to inspect such data, prior to identifying specific sub-sets of data to copy.

Please consider this letter a formal request for the indefinite retention of the requested data, pending the resolution or reclassification of its status.

As required by section 13.03, Subd. 3(f) of the Minnesota Statutes, I am requesting that in the event that any portion of this request is not granted, you certify in writing that the request has been denied, and cite the specific statutory section, temporary classification, or other provision of law upon which the denial is based.

This request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifications regarding the scope of this request. I can be reached at 651-335-2037 or info@publicrecordmedia.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Ehling', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Ehling
President, Public Record Media

cc: Judith M. Strobel
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension