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To: FOIA Coordinator, City of Southfield (Southfield Police Department)

Date: 2026-08-19

Re: Public Records Request under the Michigan FOIA (MCL 15.231 et seq.)

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I request copies of the following records concerning the Southfield Police Department's use of Flock Safety and/or ALPR technology. Where a record exists in electronic form, I request it in native electronic format by email to minimize cost. Time frame: January 1, 2022 to the present, unless a record's nature makes that inapplicable (e.g., the current active contract).

1. Contracts and pricing: all current and prior contracts, master service agreements, order forms, quotes, statements of work, amendments, renewals, and invoices with Flock Safety, Inc. (or any reseller), including each term, renewal terms, and expiration date.
2. Procurement and approval: purchase orders, RFP/bid records, sole-source justifications, appropriation/budget records, grant applications or awards (including federal grants) funding this technology, and the agendas, minutes, staff memos, and recorded votes of any City Council authorizing purchase/renewal/expansion.
3. Policies and procedures: usage policy, SOPs, data-retention and deletion schedule, hotlist criteria, audit policy, and any privacy or civil-liberties policy governing ALPR use.
4. Data-sharing: any agreement, MOU, memorandum, or authorization under which another entity can access your Flock/ALPR data — including federal agencies (ICE, CBP, FBI, DEA), out-of-state agencies, private entities, fusion centers (e.g., the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center), and the statewide or "national lookup" Flock network — plus records identifying every external agency or organization with such access.
5. Usage/audit logs: the Flock system audit log ("network audit") for the time frame above, showing each search performed on or through your account — date, searching user/agency, and the stated reason or case number. If some fields are exempt, please provide the log with only those fields redacted, preserving date, searching agency, and reason.
6. Search statistics and misuse: total searches run on your system; number run by or for external, out-of-state, or federal agencies; and any records of internal audits, misuse findings, policy violations, or discipline related to ALPR use.
7. Transparency portal and configuration: the URL of any Flock "Transparency Portal" you publish, and records showing the configured retention period and number of devices.
8. Camera inventory: the number, model, and locations of installed Flock/ALPR devices and associated beacon/network devices, with installation dates.

Fee waiver/reduction: I request a waiver or reduction of fees under MCL 15.234(1) because disclosure primarily benefits the general public; these records will be made publicly available. If fees are assessed, please provide an itemized good-faith estimate before any work exceeding \$25 and contact me so I can narrow scope. If any portion is exempt, please release all non-exempt portions and cite the specific exemption for each withholding (MCL 15.235(5)). Please confirm receipt; I understand the 5-business-day response requirement (MCL 15.235).