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Re: Freedom of Information Law Request

Dear Mr. Feathers,

This letter is in response to your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law via the OpenRecords Portal dated December 30, 2020, addressed to the New York City Law Department, in which you request: “1) Copies of any notices of potential legal action (such as an intent to sue letter), formal legal complaints, or comparable documents sent to the city's law department regarding cases of alleged misidentification by police facial recognition technology since Jan. 1, 2018...2) Any settlement documents relating to cases responsive to the above aspect of this request. 3) A list, database, spreadsheet, or comparable document detailing each false arrest lawsuit brought against the law enforcement department(s) represented by your agency since Jan. 1, 2018, including, where available, the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, the court docket number, date filed, date settled, settlement amount, and any other details available through the department's case management system.”

With regard to the portions of your request numbered “1,” and “2,” our Office does not maintain the requested records in a manner that allows us to search for them. Accordingly, these portions of your request are denied.

With regard to the portion of your request numbered “3,” you are herein granted access to such a list; you are accordingly referred to: 1) a report on the New York City Law Department’s website, accessible at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/law/public-resources/nyc-administrative-code-7-114.page>. This report details civil actions filed against the Police Department or individual Police Officers, or both, during the five-year period preceding the first day of the month when the report was posted, which resulted from allegations of improper police

conduct, including, but not limited to, claims involving use of force, assault and battery, malicious prosecution, or false arrest or imprisonment; and 2) the New York City OpenData website's posting of 'Case-Related Information About Civil Litigation,' accessible at: <https://data.cityofnewyork.us/City-Government/Case-Related-Information-About-Civil-Litigation/pjgc-h7uv>. This dataset details the commenced civil actions handled by the New York City Law Department from fiscal year 1960 through fiscal year 2019, which are maintained in the Law Department's case management system as of January 22, 2020. Note that for both postings, all disposition amounts reflect the total for the case and cannot be attributed to a particular defendant, other than the City of New York. Also note that these reports/datasets will be updated in January 2021 with the most current information.

You may appeal this determination in writing within thirty days by addressing your appeal to Stephen Louis, Records Appeals Officer, New York City Law Department, 100 Church Street, New York, NY 10007.

Sincerely,

/S

Kathryn M. Conway
Records Access Officer