



August 6, 2012

R. Ben Stone
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Mr. Stone,

As the Records Custodian and the Cedar Rapids Police Public Information Officer, your letter was forwarded to me. This is in regards to the request for information on the automatic license plate readers (ALPRs).

The Cedar Rapids Police Department does not have or utilize ALPR. The closest component that we have is in our automated traffic enforcement (ATE) cameras. If we have an Amber Alert or a vehicle with a known plate used in a felony (homicide, bank robbery, etc.) a plate can be programed in specifically to attempt to locate that one plate. We have utilized this program twice in the past 2 plus years.

At this time, there is no discussion to purchasing this type of software in the next budget year.

Please let me know if you there is anything else I can help you with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristy Hamblin".

Sergeant Cristy Hamblin
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