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Case Number: 12-00477-F
13-00007-L

Catherine Crump
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Re: *American Civil Liberties Union and ACLU of Massachusetts v. United States Department of Justice, et. al.*, CA No. 1:12-cv-11776

Dear Ms. Crump:

Pursuant to the above-captioned civil action, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), conducted a litigation review of potentially responsive records in compliance with the Joint Status Report dated April 23, 2013. As a result of that review, enclosed please find six pages.

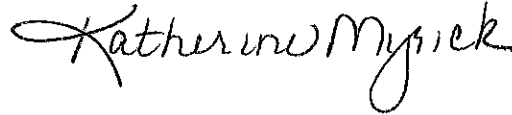
Portions not released are being withheld pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and/or the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Please refer to the list enclosed with this letter that identifies the authority for withholding the deleted material, which is indicated by a mark appearing in the block next to the exemption. An additional enclosure with this letter explains these exemptions in more detail. The documents are being forwarded to you with this letter.

DEA's FOIA regulations are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Part 16, as amended. They are published in the Federal Register and are available for inspection by members of the public.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions regarding your request, you may contact Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer A. Serafyn at 617-748-3188 or Jennifer.Serafyn@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,



Katherine L. Myrick, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
FOI/Records Management Section

Enclosures

Number of pages withheld: 0

Number of pages released: 6

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND/OR PRIVACY ACT:

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National License Plate Reader (LPR) Initiative

The EPIC National License Plate Reader (LPR) Initiative is designed to not only support DEA and the mission of DEA, but to support all of law enforcement through the utilization of LPR devices and the data derived from the devices. The LPR National Initiative is intended to utilize the capabilities to identify travel patterns and locate suspect license plates of the highest interest in law enforcement. The LPR initiative uses enhanced technology to push LPR-origin information quickly in a useable form to all agencies, to include State and Local law enforcement.

Non Responsive

They are located on major

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High priority illicit activities are as follows; amber alert, homicide, rape, violent crime to person, drug/human trafficker, terrorist threat, arms trafficker, kidnapper, etc. This list is not inclusive.

Non Responsive

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SIDE LOWER"

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LPR Locations

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The National License Plate Reader (LPR) Initiative uses established LPR camera locations to gather information regarding travel patterns and border nexus on drug traffickers, weapons traffickers, and bulk cash smugglers along the

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DEA and CBP systems interface with the National LPR program (both at the OCDETF Fusion Center and at EPIC) for intelligence gathering, lead-on collection, and suspect travel identification.

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-- The LPR database at DEA Headquarters combines existing DEA, HIDTA and CBP database capabilities with new technology to identify, interdict and develop intelligence on conveyances being used to transport drugs and bulk currency. DEA exploits data collected from the LPR devices to tip off law enforcement agencies to suspect vehicles moving in both directions from and to the

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Design elements of the system require that multiple photographic images are captured of each vehicle

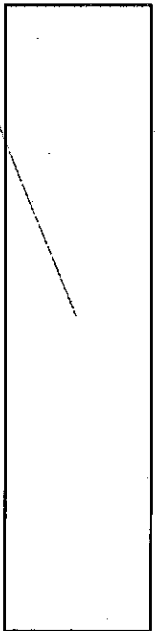
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DEA National License Plate Recognition Program

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LPR Program

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- National License Plate Reader (LPR) Initiative as an investigative tool to target roadway conveyances commonly used to transport bulk currency, drugs, weapons, and other illegal contraband.