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**To:** [Nathan Wessler](#)  
**Cc:** [James, Calvin J.](#)  
**Subject:** Followup to ACLU request re cell site simulators  
**Date:** Monday, July 07, 2014 3:01:46 PM

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**This e-mail is being sent on behalf of Major Calvin James**

Dear Mr. Wessler,

It was a pleasure speaking with you by telephone on May 16, 2014. The Miami-Dade Police Department is committed to providing quality service. We were pleased to provide you with the information regarding the cell site simulators.

I directed my personnel to reassess your modified request, which encompasses a list of the 59 cases with the following information: date; crime or incident under investigation; name of suspect; the bureaus, departments, or agencies involved in the investigation; location of the crime, incident, or investigation; case number; whether a court order was applied for or obtained; and any docket number for such application and order. As the information requested is quite detailed and extensive, it will require my personnel to conduct intricate research. The estimated cost related to obtaining this information is \$1,916.98.

Should this cost exceed beyond your allotted expenditure, I would recommend further modifying your request. To reduce the costs associated with the research and compilation of the information you seek, my office can provide a list of the 59 case numbers, detailing the type of incident, the date of occurrence, and the department/bureau involved. This would provide you with the information needed to pursue the public records' requests independently through the Clerk of the Courts. The estimated cost for this modified search would total \$896.77.

**First estimate ( \$1,916.98) breakdown:**

Employee: Sergeant  
Rate: \$47.51  
Estimated Hours: 8  
Total estimated cost for Sergeant: \$380.08

Employee: Police Crime Analyst Specialist 1 (PCAS1)  
Rate: \$22.33  
Estimated hours: 50  
Total estimated cost for PCAS1: \$1,116.50

Employee: Administrative Officer III (AO3)  
Rate: \$38.50  
Estimated hours: 10  
Total estimated cost for AO3: \$385.00

Copies - \$35.40

**Second estimate (\$896.77) breakdown:**

Employee: Sergeant  
Rate: \$47.51  
Estimated Hours: 4  
Total estimated cost for Sergeant: \$190.04

Employee: Police Crime Analyst Specialist 1 (PCAS1)  
Rate: \$22.33  
Estimated hours: 22.5  
Total estimated cost for PCAS1: \$502.43

Employee: Administrative Officer III (AO3)  
Rate: \$38.50  
Estimated hours: 5  
Total estimated cost for AO3: \$192.50

Copies - \$11.80

Please inform me as to how to proceed with your request. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (305) 471-2241, or via email at [cjames@mdpdp.com](mailto:cjames@mdpdp.com).

Sincerely,

Calvin James  
Major

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**From:** Nathan Wessler [<mailto:nwessler@aclu.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 05:00 PM  
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**Cc:** Mehwish Ansari <[mansari@aclu.org](mailto:mansari@aclu.org)>  
**Subject:** Followup to ACLU request re cell site simulators

Dear Major James,

I am writing in reference to the ACLU's public records request regarding the use of cell site simulators. On May 5, you sent a letter releasing 14 pages of responsive records and informing the ACLU that you had identified 59 closed criminal cases within the past year in which cell site simulators were used. On May 16, we spoke by phone about a proposal to release certain information about those 59 cases that would not require a large expenditure of time and resources processing records. In this email, I elaborate on that proposal.

The ACLU hereby requests a list of those 59 cases, including any of the following categories of data that are reasonably available: date; crime or incident under investigation; name of suspect; the

bureaus, departments, or agencies involved in the investigation; location of the crime, incident, or investigation; case number; whether a court order was applied for or obtained; and any docket number for such application and order.

The ACLU also seeks any other information about these 59 cases that is reasonably available without extensive additional processing time. If not all of the above categories of information are reasonably available, please briefly explain why.

I would be happy to discuss this modified request further by phone.

Thank you,  
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