



Chief  
Anytown Police Department  
Anytown, CT  
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Re: public records request

April 25, 2017

Chief:

AMERICAN CIVIL  
LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION  
OF CONNECTICUT  
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On March 27th of this year, the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association filed written testimony with the legislature’s judiciary committee opposing a bill that would require the collection of data on foot stops conducted by police departments in the state. In that testimony, the Chiefs Association claimed that “[s]everal Connecticut [p]olice [d]epartments have enlisted their own independent analytical experts for a review of” reports on traffic stop race data produced by the Institute for Regional and Municipal Policy at Central Connecticut State University. The Chiefs Association contended that each such independent review “has concluded that [the Institute]’s reports are seriously flawed and based on unscientific assumptions.”<sup>†</sup>

On April 21st, Chief Douglas Fuchs, representing the Chiefs Association at a meeting of the Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project, was asked by the Project’s advisory board to identify which police departments had conducted their own review of Institute reports, as referenced in the Chiefs Association’s written testimony. Chief Fuchs declined, saying that he could not comment on which departments had conducted independent analyses, although he represented at the meeting that he was speaking for the Chiefs Association.

So, the ACLU now asks you—and every other police chief in the state—for copies of the following information:

- (1) all records showing your department’s efforts to obtain third party review or analysis of any Institute for Regional and Municipal Policy report, analysis, or finding, including, but not limited to, communications with the third party;
- (2) all third party reviews or analyses of any Institute for Regional and Municipal Policy report, analysis, or finding, whether in a formal report, drafts of a report, or any other context; and

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<sup>†</sup> I have enclosed a copy of the written testimony with this request.

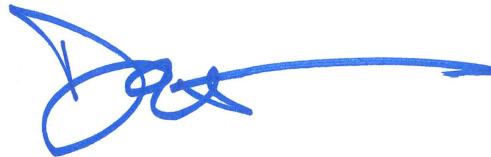
(3) all records showing whether and how the third party conducting such review or analysis was paid for doing so.

By "third party," we mean any person or entity not employed by your agency. We have addressed this request to you in the belief that you are the custodian of such records. If you are not, please forward this request to the proper custodian of such documents and inform me of who the proper custodian is.

This request is made to benefit the general public welfare, as the public should have a complete understanding of whether the Institute for Regional and Municipal Policy's traffic stop reports are analytically sound. For this reason, we request that the you waive all fees associated with this request pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-212(d)(3). If you do not agree to waive these fees, please provide us with a basis for your decision. If you do not waive fees, the ACLU is prepared to pay reasonable costs for copies of the records upon delivery, provided that the total does not exceed \$25. If the total cost of producing the records would exceed \$25, please notify me before incurring the expense.

If an otherwise public record has a portion that is exempt from disclosure, you should redact the exempt portion and release a copy of the rest of the record together with a notation identifying the specific exemption that you believe applies to the portion withheld. If you have questions about this request, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Barrett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Barrett  
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