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August 28, 2025

Malik Stelly  
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RE: *Public Record Matter Involving the Omaha Police Department*  
Our File No. 20251102

Dear Mr. Stelly:

This letter is in response to your petition received by this office on August 25, 2025, in which you sought our assistance regarding your July 29, 2025, records request to the Omaha Police Department (OPD). We forwarded a copy of your petition to Deputy City Attorney Bernard J. in den Bosch upon receipt and requested a response, which we received on August 27. We considered this matter under the Nebraska Public Records Statutes (NPRS), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 through 84-712.09 (2024).

Your public records request sought "photocopies of 'Policies/Procedures' for sealing packaging of physical evidence at the Forensic Laboratory." On August 11, you received a response from OPD informing you that "[t]he Public Records Statute does not apply to procedural documents." You question the form and manner of OPD's response, and assert you are entitled to the records you requested.

Mr. in den Bosch informs us your request was inadvertently handled by an individual in the Records Unit, not Lt. Neal Bonacci, the individual responsible for handling public records requests for OPD. We understand that Lt. Bonacci responded to your request on August 27, and copies of two policies (i.e., "Crime Scenes" and "Evidence and Property Handling") are enclosed with his response.

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Since you now have or will be receiving the records which formed the basis for your petition, no further action by this office is necessary. As a result, we are closing this file. Finally, we note Mr. in den Bosch's assurances that public records requests like yours, which are not submitted via the City of Omaha's public records portal, will be properly routed to Lt. Bonacci for handling in the future.

Sincerely,

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c: Bernard J. in den Bosch (via email only)

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