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April 17, 2026

Malik Stelly [REDACTED]
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RE: *Public Record Matter Involving the Omaha Police Department*
Our File No. 20261032

Dear Mr. Stelly:

This letter is in response to your petition dated March 29, 2026, and received by this office on April 2, 2026, in which you sought our assistance regarding a public records request mailed to the Omaha Police Department (OPD) on or about March 12, 2026. We forwarded a copy of your petition to Deputy City Attorney Bernard J. in den Bosch on April 6 and received information regarding your public records request the same day. We considered this matter in accordance with the Nebraska Public Records Statutes (NPRS), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2024).

Your March 12 public records request, addressed to OPD Lieutenant Neal Bonacci, stated, in part:

Thank you for your response to my last Public Records Request. That information was useful and informative. However, to narrow the scope of my original request, I am requesting copies of policies and procedures for recovering, processing, and preserving the integrity of surveillance video evidence such as the kind recovered from convenience [*sic*] stores and residential homes. This should include but not be limited to, authentication, chain of custody, assessing time differences from real time and video systems, how to remedy time differences from the listed systems and real time, and the use of hash values.

You state in your petition you received no response to your request despite USPS tracking information showing receipt by the OPD on March 18.

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We understand Lt. Bonacci responded to your request by letter dated April 6, 2026. He indicated he was providing you (again) copies of OPD policies “Evidence and Property Handling” and “Evidence–Search and Seizure of Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices.”¹ In explaining why no other policies or procedures were responsive to your request, Lt. Bonacci informed you that “[t]he information you are requesting related to authentication and assessing time differences from real time and video systems is documented by officers or forensic technicians who analyze the video. This is documented in their reports, often in a supplementary report as they conduct follow-up to an investigation.”

Since Lt. Bonacci has now responded to your request, which included OPD policies previously provided to you, no further action by this office is necessary and we are closing this file. If you disagree with our handling of your petition, you may wish to consider the other remedies available to you under the NPRS.

Sincerely,

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c: Bernard J. in den Bosch

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¹ We are also aware that Lt. Bonacci has provided you responsive policies in the past. See, e.g., disposition to File No. 20251102, dated August 28, 2025.