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Via ELECTRONIC MAIL to: [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Public Records Request: Sent on 06/17/2026

Mr. [REDACTED]

I have completed my review and processing of your recently submitted Public Records Request. This request was sent in via email and received on 06/17/2026. In this request you asked for the following information.

Lt. Winfrey,

Pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Act (N.C.G.S. Chapter 132), I respectfully request copies of the following records maintained by the Union County Sheriff's Office:

1. The updated automated license plate reader (ALPR) policy referenced by Chief Deputy Tony Underwood during the Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 16, 2026, which he stated was approved by the Sheriff and implemented on April 20, 2026. This is the policy described as superseding Standard Operating Procedure §334 ("License Plate Readers," approved March 17, 2026).
2. Records reflecting the adoption and effective date of the April 20, 2026 policy, including the signed policy showing the date of the Sheriff's approval and any document establishing its effective date.
3. Records reflecting the dissemination of the April 20, 2026 policy to agency personnel, including any transmittal memorandum, email, bulletin, training notice, or acknowledgment log showing that the policy was distributed within the agency.

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4. Any amendments, addenda, order forms, change orders, or configuration and settings documentation modifying or supplementing the Union County–Flock Group, Inc. agreement since its inception, including records establishing the operative data retention period and any system settings governing data sharing or network access. (I have previously received a copy of the base contract; this request is directed to subsequent order changes, amendments, and configuration records.)
5. Any agreements, memoranda of understanding, or written authorizations governing (a) the sharing of Union County ALPR data with other law enforcement or government agencies, and (b) the Union County Sheriff's Office accessing ALPR data from systems it does not own or operate.
6. Any audit reports, effectiveness reports, or reporting records produced pursuant to the April 20, 2026 policy or its predecessor, including any annual or periodic audit or report concerning the use or effectiveness of the ALPR system provided to the head of the agency.

If any portion of this request is denied, I respectfully ask that you cite the specific statutory exemption relied upon and provide any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the responsive records, as provided under N.C.G.S. § 132-6.

Thanks,

The following information provided below will serve as the Union County Sheriff's Office response to these requests

Section 1: The Union County Sheriff's office has provided a copy of the newly updated Policy 334 that was revised on 04/16/2026 and approved by Sheriff Cathey on 04/20/2026. Once any policies are approved by the Sheriff it is disseminated on the same day to Power DMS for employees to review and sign.

Section 2 Please refer to the updated Policy 334 for the effective date as well as the Sheriff's signature.

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Section 3: The Union County Sheriff's Office has printed and attached a document responsive to this Public Records Request that reflects the creation, revision, and publication dates of the License Plate Reader Policy in the PowerDMS platform, where all agency policies are distributed to personnel. The document shows a publication date of April 20, 2026.

Also included are emails from Lieutenant Burrows regarding training on the Flock system. Following the emails is a brief PowerPoint presentation. Two images within the PowerPoint have been redacted because they depict the internal workings of the Flock system, which are not subject to public release.

Section 4: The Union County Sheriff's Office has no responsive records pertaining to the first part of this request.

Section 5: The Union County Sheriff's Office has no responsive records to this subsection of your request. The requested information may be contained in the Flock agreement previously provided. Otherwise, if responsive records exist, you will need to seek them directly from Flock, as it is the entity responsible for maintaining those records.

Section 6: Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.4, full records are confidential records of criminal investigations, which are not subject to disclosure pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Law. Accordingly, the Union County Sheriff's Office is unable to produce the information requested above.

Sincerely ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew R. Winfrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "M" and a long, sweeping "y".

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