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Mr. David Fierke
City of Fort Dodge
819 1st Avenue South
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Mr. Fierke,

I have been advised of a freedom of information request for all of the video evidence, including dash cam and body cam footage related to the unconstitutional arrest of Matt Bemrich. After review, the District Associate Court ruled that Mr. Bemrich was unlawfully stopped prior to his arrest. The traffic stop was without reasonable suspicion and constitutes an unreasonable search and seizure under the United States Constitution. All evidence obtained as a result of that illegal stop was suppressed by the Court.

It is our opinion that the video footage from the dash camera or the officers' body cameras are not subject to disclosure under Chapter 22 of the Iowa Code. The video footage described above contains evidence unlawfully obtained. The video footage described above depicts Mr. Bemrich and others speech and conduct that was unlawfully obtained as a result of an unlawful stop. Release of that video footage is a further violation of Mr. Bemrich's constitutional rights against unlawful search and seizure, and the release or dissemination of this video footage depicting illegally obtained information should be strictly prohibited.

Based on the above, on behalf of Mr. Bemrich, I object to the release of the video footage requested in the Freedom of Information Request and respectfully request that said unlawfully obtained video footage be destroyed without further dissemination, publicly or otherwise.

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Very sincerely yours,

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