



September 11, 2015

I&P Unit Reference: 15-2106A

Pivot Legal Society
121 Heatley Avenue
Vancouver BC V6A 3E9

Attention: Douglas C. King

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: *Records Access Request*

We are responding to your request for information that was received on July 24, 2015. In that request, you sought access to "all records relating to the use of a cell site simulator, or IMSI-catcher, commonly referred to as a StingRay or KingFish" from January 1, 2010 to the present date.

We are unable to provide access to the requested information in accordance with section 15(1)(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("the Act"). An excerpt of this provision is attached for your reference.

Please also be advised that, where an applicant makes a non-specific request for information, it is our standard practice and policy to make the applicant aware of the following information:

In accordance with section 8(2) of the Act, a public body may refuse to neither confirm nor deny the existence of records containing information described in section 15 of the Act (Information harmful to law enforcement).

Under s. 52 of the Act, you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review our decision to deny access to this file. You have thirty (30) days from the receipt of this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
P.O. Box 9038, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone: 250-387-5629 Fax: 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with a copy of this letter and a copy of your original request to the Vancouver Police Department.

If you have any questions, please contact the Information and Privacy Unit at (604) 717-3071 or by fax at (604) 606-2622.

Yours truly,

Civilian Analyst (VA9426)
Information and Privacy Unit
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Disclosure harmful to law enforcement

- 15 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to,....(c) harm the effectiveness of investigative techniques and procedures currently used, or likely to be used, in law enforcement,

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