



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Martin Hammond
Deputy Director of Criminal Justice Programs
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Governor's Coordinating Offices
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

RE: Annual Criminal Procedure-Cell Site Simulator Reporting
In accordance with Senate Bill 246, section 2

Dear Deputy Director Hammond:

The Baltimore Police Department offers this report in reference to Senate Bill 246, Section 2, requiring that on or before February 1 each year, each law enforcement agency shall post on its website and report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly the number of times a cell site simulator was used by the agency during the previous calendar year, including the number of times the technology was deployed in exigent circumstances.

For the time frame of May 2020 to December 2020, the Baltimore Police Department conducted 420 track attempts with cell site simulator activation and deployed technology in 44 exigent circumstances. Please note that these numbers are approximate as we were not tracking these data points in our databases prior to the passage of this legislation.

If you should have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at michelle.wirzberger@baltimorepolice.org or via telephone at 443-915-3155. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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