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August 23, 2017

I&P Unit Reference: 17-1918A

VIA EMAIL

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Records Access Request

We are replying to your request for information that was received in our office on July 6, 2017. In that request, you sought access to “arrest/charge data related to all individuals charged with possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking for the period from January 1, 2015 to present”. You wished to obtain the data in the following format:

- a. “Single counts for cannabis possession related offences...;
- b. Unique identifier instead of names;
- c. Age at arrest, gender and race of the accused;
- d. Geographic information about where the offence took place
 - i. Police patrol zone and first three digits of the accused postal code”.

On August 1, 2017, you were advised that Uniform Crime Reporting codes do not differentiate between “Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking” and “Trafficking”. You replied that you still wished for us to proceed with your request and acknowledged that the total would represent the combined offence codes.

Your request was forwarded to the Vancouver Police Department Planning, Research and Audit Section who compiled the data as follows:

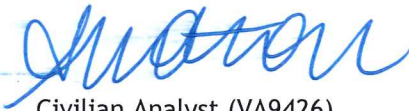
- Extracted “Recommended Charges” for:
 - TRAFFICK-CANNABIS 3000G & UNDR
 - TRAFFICK-CANNABIS RESN O/3000G
 - TRAFFICK-CANNABIS RESN 3000G&U
 - TRAFFICK-CANNABIS OVER 3000G
 - POSSESSION-CANNABIS OVER 30G
 - POSSESSION-CANNABIS 30G & UNDR
 - POSSESS-CANNABIS RESIN OVER 1G
 - POSSESS-CANNABIS RESIN 1G&UNDR
- Date range of January 1, 2015 to present.
- Individual names removed and replaced with a unique identifier.
- Age at arrest, gender, and race.
 - Please note the field for race was blank in 125 of the 2051 incidents. This is likely due to an officer being uncertain of a person’s race and, as a result, omitting this data.

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- Geographic information represented by zone. Please also see the corresponding zone map for your ease of reference.
- First three characters of the accused's postal code or zip code where an address was provided. If no address, this field will show as NULL.

We trust you will find the above responsive to your request. If you have any questions, please contact the Information and Privacy Unit at (604) 717-3071 or email foi@vpd.ca.

Yours truly,



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