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VIA EMAIL

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1033 Records
American Friends Service Committee
ATTN: John Lindsey-Poland

Re: Public Records Act Request

Dear John:

The City of Sonora Police Department (hereinafter referred to as "Sonora PD") has reviewed your Public Records Act ("PRA") request dated September 27, 2023, seeking the following:

1. All Documents constituting, reflecting, relating to, or that contain current use policies, if any, for each type of 1033-program controlled equipment, including situations or circumstances in which use is authorized or prohibited.
2. Records that list the dates, locations, suspected offense(s) or rationale for operation, controlled equipment deployed, arrests, and uses of force for each deployment of 1033-program controlled equipment since July 1, 2019, specifically firearms, armored vehicles, and night vision equipment.
3. All records of complaints regarding the use and impact of 1033-program controlled equipment, including correspondence, visual or audio-visual materials, and responses to complaints.
4. Documents that constitute, reflect, relate to, or that contain rationales or criteria for the acquisition of 1033-program controlled equipment prior to its acquisition.

Request No. 1, 2, and 4

Sonora PD has determined that it does maintain records responsive to Requests No. 1, 2, and 4. However, because Sonora PD complies with AB 481 and California Government Code sections 7070 through 7075, an electronic copy of our military equipment use policy is available on our webpage under the following URL: <https://www.sonorapd.com/general-information/military-equipment-use-policy/>.

Sonora PD's 2022 Military Equipment Report is available on the City of Sonora Webpage under Item 4 of the September 18, 2023 agenda posting at the following URL: <https://sonoraca.com/government/current-city-council-agendas/>.

I believe these two comprehensive documents should satisfy your request. On the other hand, if you are requesting more specific information than what these documents provide, please reach out to Sonora PD's records section so we can work with you to narrow the search and ultimately provide you with a cost and time frame needed to produce such records.

Request No. 3

After a diligent search, the Sonora PD has determined that it does not maintain any records responsive to Request No. 3

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a horizontal line that curves upwards and then loops back to the left, ending in a small circle.

Turu VanderWiel
Chief of Police

Cc: Naomi Moran, Police Records Technician