

MEMORANDUM

TO: Seattle Municipal Court Defense Attorneys

FROM: Craig Sims
Seattle City Attorney's Office
Criminal Division Chief

SUBJECT: Brady Disclosure / COBAN Video Follow-up

DATE: October 14, 2014

This memo has been prepared consistent with the Seattle City Attorney's obligation pursuant to *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). I have enclosed my original April 3, 2014 memo.

Earlier this year, our office was notified of technical issues associated with the Seattle Police Department's COBAN in-car video system that may have affected small portions of video records. As a result of the notification, we consulted forensic expert Grant Fredericks to conduct an analysis of the COBAN in-car video system to determine whether there were videos that contain dropped frames. Grant Fredericks is an analyst at Forensic Video Solutions and his contact information is as follows:

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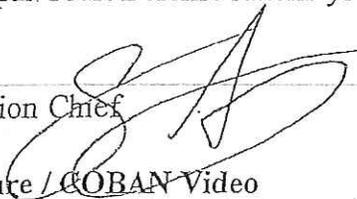
The analysis has been completed, and the results may be found on the Seattle Police Department website, data.seattle.gov. The direct link to the portal is <https://data.seattle.gov/Public-Safety/Seattle-Police-Department-In-Car-Video-Dropped-Fra/k7a5-emiw>. The information is categorized by the officer badge serial number and incident date. At this time, there is no way to conduct a search by the SPD incident number. It is important to note the portal contains a listing of all videos having been identified as having dropped frames. Many of the listed videos are not related to cases filed into Seattle Municipal Court.

Additional information may also be found on the Seattle City Attorney's Office website at <http://www.seattle.gov/law/>. Please contact me at 206.684.7771 if you have any questions or need clarification.

Enclosure

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Our office was recently notified of technical issues associated with the Seattle Police Department's COBAN in-car video system that may have affected small portions of a limited number of video records. Based on the information we know at this time, the issues relate to a system upgrade that was installed on April 23, 2013. As such, some videos recorded since April 23, 2013 have dropped frames (missing images), and may also have audio and video synchronization issues. While this is likely not an issue for the vast majority of videos produced during discovery, we have an independent forensic video expert working to identify all videos that were impacted. In addition, the Seattle Police Department is working to resolve this issue with the video vendor as quickly as possible.

In an exercise of due diligence, we will also request an analysis of whether this technical issues impacted videos recorded prior to April 23, 2013. At this time, there is no indication that such a problem existed prior to then. The forensic analysis process is still being finalized and you shall be notified as soon as we receive additional information.

Please contact me at 206.684.7771 if you have questions or need clarification.