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In Re: Public Records / David James Elliott / Altru Shooting

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**Mark Nelson**

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Chief Nelson,

I am contacting you in regards to my requests to your Department for 911 records, officer dash-cam and/or officer body-cam video pertaining to the David James Elliott case.

I made my initial request on November 3, 2015 and a discussion on the matter began. It was on hold because the case was not technically over. I resumed the discussion with Lt. Derik Zimmel on February 2, 2015 when sentencing occurred and the records became public.

Through my correspondences with Lt. Zimmel it has been made clear to me that acquiring all of the available public records regarding this case will be very expensive. In fact, the GFDP won't even begin the process until I have fifty percent of the cost in advance.

I am aware public requests only go through the redaction process once. After the records are redacted – the costly redaction process does not have to be repeated.

Because I was told by your Office I may not read, view, or observe any of the public records until the redaction process has taken place - I was effectively being told by the GFDP that I am the first news agency to request this information.

As your police records will show, my life has been threatened and reports have been made to police in both East Grand Forks, Minnesota, as well as the GFDP in North Dakota.

I also made a report to the GFDP when organized crime directly contacted my employer in Grand Forks and criminally defamed me; in hopes of securing my termination; because I did not capitulate to their demands for me to remove my publication(s) from the Web.

The Mafia threatening to kill me, which claims to be watching my home, also published a series of videos on You Tube warning me to remove all of my websites by specific dates or I would suffer severe consequences including the kidnapping of my grandchild.

I am still investigating if the threats pertain to any of my reporting on the shooting of David James Elliott.

As you might imagine this is all becoming very expensive and taxing for me.

It is a matter of public record that includes a scathing Editorial by the Grand Forks Herald that the GFPD and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office conducted themselves dismally following the David Elliott shooting and withheld critical information from the media for a bizarre amount of time (as the ultimate fate of the critically wounded David Elliott who had been shot in the head remained unknown).

As I stated to Lt. Zimmel, I need to see the officer-cam video capturing the physical person of David Elliott as he sat atop the Columbia Road overpass in his pickup. I would also like to view the officer cam video shortly before he was shot in the head right in front of the Altru Hospital Emergency Room (and then repeatedly tazed).

I need to know why David Elliott called 911 after he fled from police and tried to reach an emergency room.

Due to the litany of unanswered questions about the mysterious activities of law enforcement leading up to the shooting of David Elliott, an un-armed man that was trying to reach a hospital in the face of police opposition, I believe the City of Grand Forks and/or the County of Grand Forks should prepare the public records for publication free of charge as a public service.

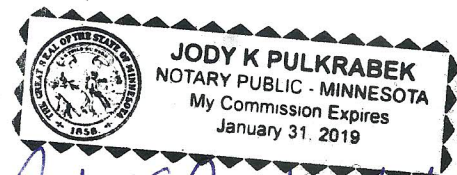
That's my opinion.

I plan on using a Web based donation platform to request financial assistance from the American public that have become disillusioned with this type of conduct from law enforcement.

In light of the recent Netflix documentary 'Making a Murderer' that details the murder of Teresa Halbach, and the ordeal of Steven Avery, lack of transparency by North Dakota law enforcement in this matter is very concerning.

Respectfully yours,  
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