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MEDIA RELEASE

This media release is regarding the body cam data requests involving the Marshall Police Department and the critical incident from December 17th, 2023.

Minnesota Statutory Requirements

Body cam data generally are private/nonpublic. Minn. Stat. §13.825, subd. 2(a)(3). However, unless certain exceptions apply, state law provides that body camera data of an incident when an individual dies as a result of an officer involved shooting should be made public no later than 14 days after the incident. Exceptions to this requirement exist, which include (i) If the chief law enforcement officer asserts in writing that the public classification would interfere with an ongoing investigation or (ii) if the law enforcement agency deems the body cam video as clearly offensive to common sensibilities. Minn. Stat. §13.825.

Determination

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has an open and active investigation going on with respect to this matter and making this data public would interfere with the BCA investigation. As a result, the body camera data related to this incident are currently not public. Additionally, I, as the Public Safety Director and chief law enforcement officer for the City of Marshall, have viewed the body camera data and have determined the content is clearly offensive to common sensibilities. Minn. Stat. §§13.82, 13.825, subd.2(e).

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