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Mesa Police Department
Chief George Gascón
130 North Robson
Mesa AZ 85201-6697

RE: American Traffic Solutions / Photo Enforcement Equipment

Dear Chief Gascón,

We hereby request an immediate suspension of your department's participation in the city's photo enforcement program due to recent evidence of negligence by the vendor under contract with the City of Mesa: American Traffic Solutions Inc.

Volunteers of CameraFRAUD recently obtained evidence suggesting severe negligence on the part of ATS. Automated ticketing equipment responsible for generating evidence against alleged traffic violators was left unlocked and unmanned for a period of no less than five days at the intersection of Alma School and Guadalupe, from 2/28-3/04/2009.

As the pictures taken by our volunteers show, the exposed equipment was susceptible to tampering and unauthorized modification. It's impossible to know if the timing of the equipment or critical settings were modified by vandals, children, or curious pedestrians.

A trained police officer would never leave his certified radar speed measurement device in a place where the public could tamper with it. Likewise, those in charge of the police evidence room would never leave the door unlocked and allow anyone passing through to tamper with the materials used to potentially convict individuals of an offense.

The advanced equipment in question is in many ways a combination of a speed measurement device and evidence locker. In the interest of justice and accuracy, we are requesting the following:

1. Immediate suspension of all fixed-location red light and speed photo enforcement activity until a thorough investigation and report is completed by your department into the security of the equipment used by ATS.
2. Dismissal of all "notice of violations" and/or traffic complaints generated by the equipment at Alma School and Guadalupe for all time periods where the equipment was left unsecured.
3. Require substantial evidence from ATS proving beyond a reasonable doubt that each of their fixed systems in Mesa has been secure for at least the past twelve (12) months.
4. Require ATS to obtain an independent evaluation of their system security at least every sixty (60) days in order to operate within the City of Mesa, and to prevent reoccurrences of negligence.

As the largest watchdog group of automated ticketing in the nation, with almost 1,500 members in Arizona, we appreciate your prompt attention and action in this matter.

Sincerely,
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CC:

Mayor Scott Smith
Vice Mayor Kyle Jones - District 4
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