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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00339

I write in connection with your request for information received on 22nd January. I note you seek access to the following information:

I'm researching what current line-up procedure does your police force use with eyewitnesses when identifying suspects. Does your police force use sequential line-up's (all individuals are viewed one at a time), simultaneous line-up's (all individuals are viewed at the same time), or does it use Viper (pre-recorded video recordings of individuals)? Please could you respond which type of identification process you use with reasons why you use that one.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response – Hertfordshire Constabulary use VIPER and have done since approximately 2004. In regards to the reasons why we use VIPER, This question is not strictly a valid request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, because it is asking for an opinion or judgement and in accordance with ICO guidance Hertfordshire Constabulary does not have to answer your question if it would mean creating new information or giving an opinion or judgement that is not already recorded.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.