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P R O D U C T I O N S

September 26, 2015

Wolfgang Halbig  
25526 Haws Run Lane  
Sorento, FL 32766

Dear Mr. Halbig,

You asked me to review 3 DVD's of squad car video. You were told that the video contained GPS information, date and time stamp, and the officers information. You were not, however, told how to access this information if it existed. This fact is very disturbing. You had the right to get all the pertinent information from the Newtown Police Department. You did not. You also explained that you visited the Watch Guard organization here in Dallas and they too would not give you any details on how to access the information that you requested. In fact they told you that playing the video in Windows Media Player would not allow the closed captioned information to be visible.

After experimenting with the DVD's and doing some research into the Watch Guard organization, I discovered that the information you needed was recorded onto a closed caption line of video and requires some modification of your video player to even see this information. I have created video files with the video information displayed on the screen. However, not all of the information that is typical in squad car videos is contained on the DVD's furnished to you. The GPS information, the squad car direction and speed, the status of the squad car lights, the status of the officers lapel and in car mics, are all missing. According to information that you have received the GPS information was purchased by the police department yet is not present on the DVD's that you were given by the Newtown Police Department . You will also see that the time code now displayed on the DVD's indicates that there is some video missing. You will see jumps in the time code which indicates some portion of the video was removed. These DVD's are not accurate representations of the events.

I have also sent you some photos of what information is typical in squad car videos from several manufactures. The most detailed information is from the L3 Communication company.

I am also enclosing my forensic CV. I have been doing forensic analysis for the past 28 years. 90% of my work has been for the prosecutors, police, and DA's in Texas and surrounding states. I have worked with the Department of Homeland Security, The US Marshall's Office, The FBI, The US Secret Service, The Public Defenders Office, and more. I have been under contract for the last 5 years to do the work for the Dallas District Attorney's office and have spoken at several national defense attorney conventions on video evidence.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



James K. Appleton  
Chairman



## **Forensic Biography on James K. Appleton**

James K. Appleton is an expert witness with over 28 years of experience as a legal consultant specializing in audio and video analysis and enhancement. Since 1988, he has completed work on more than 1,100 legal cases requiring expert analysis of audio and video data. He is highly regarded and experienced in criminal cases, including murder, attempted murder, sexual abuse, assault and robbery.

Most recently, his services have been utilized by:

- The Department of Homeland Security
- The United States Marshall's Office
- The Public Defender's Office
- The United States Attorney's Office
- The United States Secret Service
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation
- The Dallas County District Attorney's Office
- The McKinney District Attorney's Office
- The Dallas Police Department
- Attorneys, District Attorney's and Police Departments throughout the United States

In addition to his vast forensic work on criminal cases, Mr. Appleton has analyzed audio and video data on behalf of corporations, including McDonald's, Jack in the Box, Wendy's, Greyhound Bus Lines and 7-11. Numerous restaurant chains and a variety of national insurance companies have utilized Mr. Appleton's experience regarding "slip and fall" accidents and assorted legal claims.

In the past 26 years Mr. Appleton has assisted both prosecution and defense attorneys in government cases, capital criminal cases and civil insurance cases. He possess a thorough understanding of the critical importance in which video and audio analysis support today's legal system. He personally completes 90% of the forensic work fulfilled through Showcase Productions.

Mr. Appleton is also the co-owner of Showcase Productions, a video production facility, which provides the following services:

- Accident recreation using 2D and 3D graphic animations
- Producing, video recording and video editing of crime scene re-enactments
- Video recording of depositions in various locations.

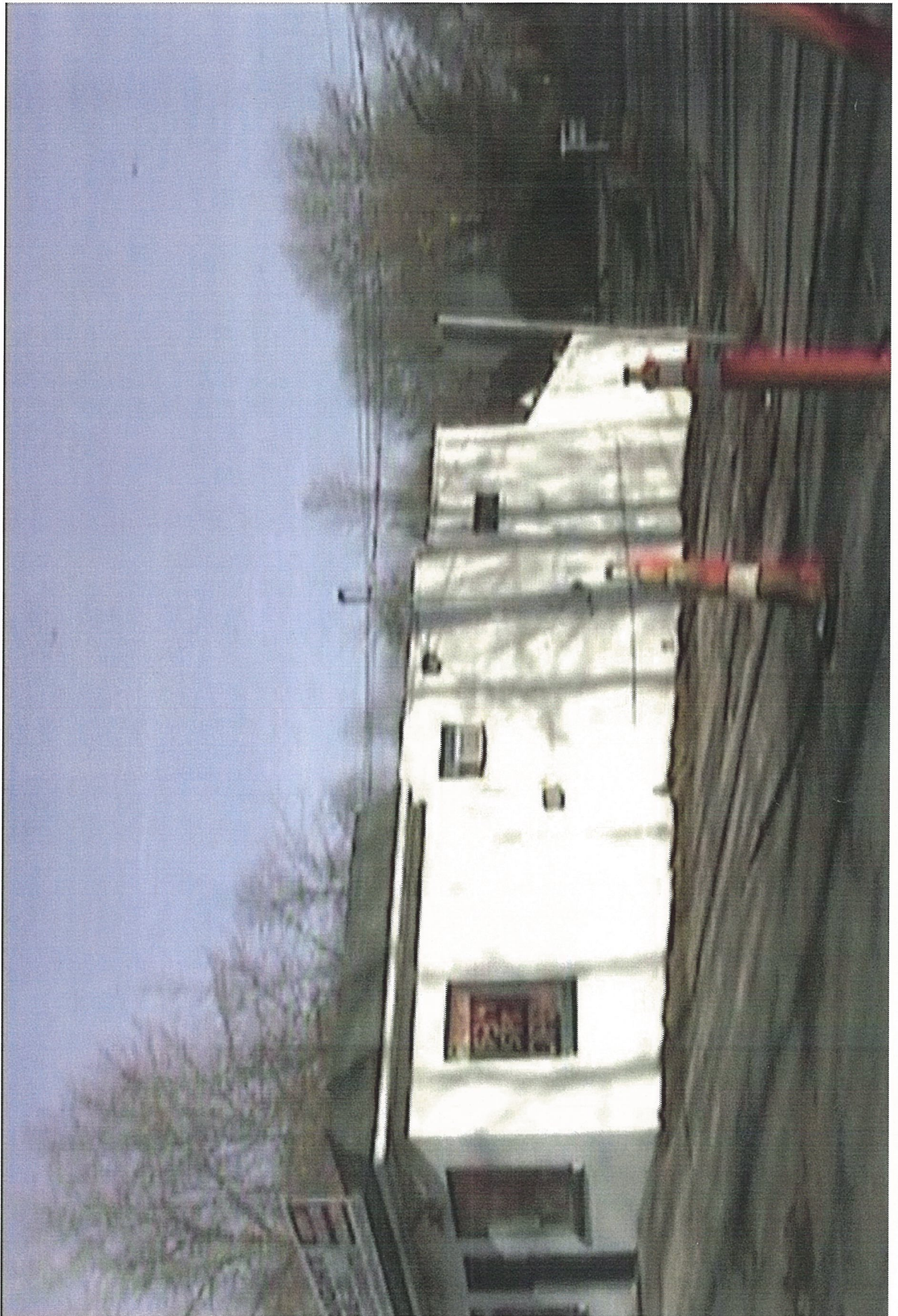
Mr. Appleton received his economics degree from Dartmouth College in 1970 then furthered his studies at Tulane University Business School for his graduate work in finance.

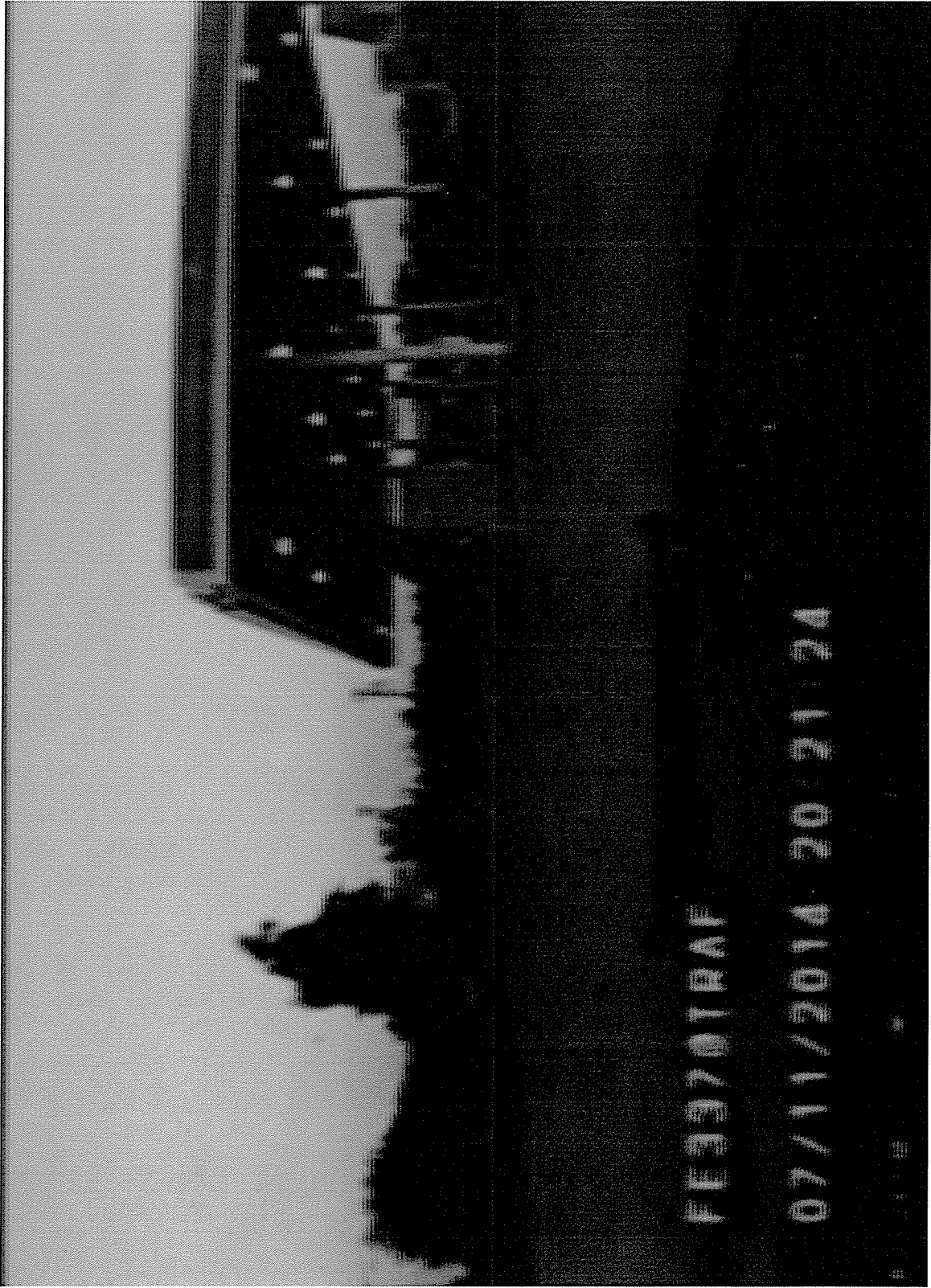
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Current Time: 21:12:07

Available Time: 00:24:29

Top Scale Tick Marks are Plus Time 1 Minute Apart

Date/Time:

Start: 2013-05-19 21:00:00 End: 2013-05-19 21:30:00





According to Aaron Bahamonde's dash camera report, his dash camera was found to be different than the other three NPD dash cameras.

00079319 book 4: DVD #1 (Lab Submission # 030-1 M1) begins at approximately 09:38:24 hours and ends at approximately 10:30:25 hours. It is viewed on the **DVD Utility Manager Software** provided by the Police Department **and has a time stamp**. The time of the event was obtained by comparing the time stamp on the dash cam videos to the time stamp from the Newtown PD radio dispatch transmissions. The times were found to be the same.

It seems odd that they would specify that the dash camera has a time stamp, as most police dash cameras do, until you read about the second DVD from Bahamonde's dash camera.

00079319 book 4: DVD #2 (Lab Submission# 030-2M1) **can only be viewed utilizing Windows Media Player**. The video is broken up into titles and fragments. **The video only provides a running time in increments of hours, minutes and seconds**. During the play of the video, the timer of the video runs in the lower right hand corner with the length of the video shown in the upper right hand corner of the video. The time stamp from the Newtown PD radio transmissions was used as a baseline to calculate the time that pertinent events were happening. The actual time of the event was calculated using the time stamp of the Newtown PD radio transmission plus or minus the run time of the video.....(53:03) SGT Bahamonde moves vehicle closer to and directly behind SGT Kullgren's SUV. **(No accurate time stamp available as Newtown Radio Transmissions were transcribed only to noon)**

First, it's unusual that DVD #2 can only be viewed on windows media player when DVD #1 could be viewed on the DVD utility manager software which was provided by the police department. Why is it that DVD #2 could not even be viewed on the police departments own software? Also, DVD #2 is admitted not to contain a timestamp, when DVD #1 is admitted to contain a timestamp. Why would there be a timestamp on DVD #1, and only a running time in DVD #2? Both DVD's contain footage from the same day, and were recorded by the same dash camera; why would the captions be different?



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documents related to Sandy Hook shooting.

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# Invoice

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Wolfgan Halbig 25526 Haws Run Lane Sorrento, FL 32766

Ship To

P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	Project
	Due on receipt		9/26/15		

Quantity	Description	Price Each	Amount
3 hours	ANALYSIS DVD Squad Car Videos DVD transfer and avid editing	\$ 175.00	\$ 525.00

Thank you for your business.	<b>Total</b>	\$525.00
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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

August 31, 2015

Mr. Wolfgang Halbig  
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Sorrento, Florida 32776-7745

Re: FOI Request via Email dated August 21, 2015

Dear Mr. Halbig:

The following is a copy of your FOI request dated August 21, 2015. The Town's response to your requests follows each request. It should be noted that dash mounted camera's are not assigned to individual officers and are assigned to patrol cars.

**Under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act § 1-200 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect within the next 30 days and obtain copies of public records that will show:**

- 1. COPIES OF ALL PURCHASE ORDERS BEGINNING JAN 1, 2011 THROUGH CURRENT OF DASH CAM VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES/EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FROM WATCHGUARD IN ALLEN, TEXAS.** Responsive documents are available for review.
- 2. COPIES OF KULLGREN OR BAHAMONDE SUPERVISORS ASSIGNMENTS OF POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 9, 2012 THROUGH DEC 15, 2012 DURING ROLL CALL AND WHICH VEHICLES WERE EQUIPPED WITH THE DASH CAM VIDEOS.** Responsive documents are available for review.



4. **COPY OF SGT KULLGREN DASH CAM VIDEO FOR DEC 9, 2012 THROUGH DEC 15, 2012 STARTING AT 8:00 AM THROUGH 6:00 PM EACH DAY.** No responsive documents.
  
5. **COPY OF OFFICER MULLHALL DASH CAM VIDEO FOR DEC 9, 2012 THROUGH DEC 15, 2012 STARTING AT 8:00 AM THROUGH 6:00 PM EACH DAY.** No responsive documents.



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6. **COPY OF OFFICER CHAPMAN DASH CAM VIDEO FOR DEC 9, 2012 THROUGH DEC 15, 2012 STARTING AT 8:00 AM THROUGH 6:00 PM EACH DAY.** Officer Chapman's dash cam video is available and has been reviewed. We have determined it is not suitable for disclosure due to numerous images of children that have been captured.

How many Dash Cam videos does Officer Chapman Have?







YESTERDAY MEETING WITH WATCHGUARD STAFF IN ALLEN TEXAS ALLOWED ME TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU IN THE NEWTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE DOING.

WITH THAT SAID PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTORNEY MONTE FRANK AND KEHOE PROVIDE ME WITH THESE CT FOIA REQUESTS AND I WILL PAY FOR THOSE DVD'S WHICH SHOULD SHOW THE ACTUALL DATE AND RUNNING TIME SEQUENCES NOT LIKE THE LAST TIME.

I WANT TO SEE WHAT KEHOE AND FRANK SEE.

WATCHGUARD SAYS THAT IS HOW IT SHOULD HAVE BEEEN PRESENTED TO BEGIN WITH.

I WILL SUBEBEONA THEM FOR OUR SUPERIOR COURT HEARINGS IN CT IF NEED BE AND FRANK YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DIRECT THEM NOT TO SHOW UP SINCE IT WILL BE A COURT ORDER.

THIS IS THE FIRST OF MY NEW CT FOIA REQUEST SINCE I LEARNED SO MUCH DURING THE CT FOIA HEARINGS.

THANKS

WOLFGANG W HALBIG

Please make arrangements with Department Records staff in advance of inspection/review of the documents that were requested and are available for review and copying.

Sincerely,