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25 DIAZ-RIVERA, et al.,  
26 Defendants.

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United States District Court for the District of Columbia Case No. 10-cr-00020-EMC/ED

1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 This case likely involves one or more highly controversial surveillance programs: the  
3 National Security Agency's Mass Call-Tracking Program and the Hemisphere Project, both of  
4 which involve vast databases of Americans' phone records, as well as so-called "stingray"

5 wireless devices in the vicinity. *Amici* submit this brief, in support of Defendants' motion to

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7 Compel Discovery, in order to provide important context and to underscore the larger  
8 implications of this case.

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10 *First*, the NSA Mass Call-Tracking Program, the Hemisphere Project, and stingray

11 devices are highly intrusive and unconstitutional. *Second*, due process and Federal Rule of

12 Criminal Procedure 16 require the government to disclose to Defendants information that would

13 allow them to challenge in a motion to suppress unconstitutional forms of electronic

14 surveillance used to further this investigation. *Third*, disclosure of the information sought by

15 Defendants has a wider significance beyond this case. The government shrouds its surveillance

16 practices in secrecy, but that secrecy undermines democratic governance and prevents the

17 federal courts from reviewing the legality of intrusive and unconstitutional forms of surveillance.

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19 **The NSA Mass Call-Tracking Program, The Hemisphere Project, And  
Stingray Devices Are Unconstitutional**

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21 **The National Security Agency's Mass Call-Tracking Program  
The Federal Government Has Amassed A Vast Database Of**

22 On June 5, 2013, *The Guardian* disclosed a previously secret order from the Foreign

23 Intelligence Surveillance Court directing Verizon Business Network Services to produce to the  
24 National Security Agency "on an ongoing daily basis... all call detail records or 'telephony

25 metadata" relating to every domestic and international call placed on its network between April

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1 Although the nature and extent of data flows from the NSA to other federal law  
2 enforcement agencies is largely secret, it is clear that NSA-derived information is provided to  
3 other law enforcement entities. In the New York City subway investigation, the NSA supplied  
4 data derived from the mass call tracking database to the FBI.<sup>7</sup> Also, the Drug Enforcement  
5 Administration (“DEA”) has institutionalized the dissemination of NSA-derived information to  
6 other law enforcement agencies through its Special Operations Division (“SOD”).<sup>8</sup> According  
7 to Reuters, SOD is tasked with “funneling information” from intelligence sources to “authorities  
8 across the nation to help them launch criminal investigations of Americans.”<sup>9</sup>

9 Although it is unclear whether information obtained by the NSA’s mass call-tracking  
10 program is disseminated by the SOD, that lack of clarity is attributable to the DEA’s deliberate  
11 efforts to conceal the origins of intelligence-derived information. A document obtained by  
12 Reuters “specifically directs agents to omit the SOD’s involvement from investigative reports,  
13 press releases, discussions with prosecutors and courtroom testimony. Agents are instructed to then  
14 use ‘normal investigative techniques to recreate the information provided by SOD.’<sup>10</sup>

15 **b. The Warrantless Bulk Collection Of Phone Records Is Unconstitutional**

16 The NSA’s warrantless collection of all domestic telephony metadata violates Fourth  
17 Amendment privacy rights and First Amendment associational rights.

18 instance when we used the business record 215 program, as Chairman Leahy mentioned,  
19 Basaly Moolin.”

20 <sup>6</sup> Press Release, Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Diego Division, San Diego Jury Convicts  
21 Four Somali Immigrants of Providing Support to Foreign Terrorists (Feb. 22, 2013), available  
22 at [http://www.fbi.gov/sandiego/press-releases/2013/san-diego-jury-convicts-four-somali-](http://www.fbi.gov/sandiego/press-releases/2013/san-diego-jury-convicts-four-somali-immigrants-of-providing-support-to-foreign-terrorists)  
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24 <sup>7</sup> *ACLU v. Clapper*, S.D.N.Y. Case No. 13-cv-03994, Defs’ Mem. of Law in Opposition to Pls.’  
25 Proposed Telephone Number from the FBI and use it against the telephony metadata, identifying  
26 and passing additional leads back to the FBI for investigation.”

26 <sup>8</sup> John Shiffman & Kristina Cooke, *U.S. Directs Agents To Cover Up Programs Used To*  
27 *Investigate Americans*, REUTERS (Aug. 5, 2013), available at

28 <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/05/us-nsa-sec-intel-idUSBR22740720130805>.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*  
<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

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The program permits the government to assemble a richly detailed profile of every

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person living in the United States and to draw a comprehensive map of their associations with

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one another. The long-term recording and aggregation of telephony metadata achieves essentially the same kind of privacy intrusion that led five Justices of the Supreme Court to

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conclude in *United States v. Jones*, 132 S. Ct. 975 (2012), that the long-term recording and

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tracking of GPS data on a vehicle constitutes a search under the Fourth Amendment. The

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Court held that the intrusion of a GPS device and the benefit to monitor the vehicle's movements constituted a search because it involved a "trespass" conjunct with an attempt to

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find something or to obtain information." *Id.* at 951 n.5. In two concurring opinions, five

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Justices concluded that the surveillance constituted a search because it "impinge[d] on

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expectations of privacy." *Id.* at 961 (Alito, J. concurring in judgment); *id.* at 955 (Sotomayor, J.

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has recognized that the government's surveillance and investigatory activities can infringe on

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associational rights protected by the First Amendment. Thus in *NAACP v. Alabama ex rel.*

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*Patterson*, 357 U.S. 449 (1958), a case in which the Supreme Court invalidated an Alabama

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order that would have required the NAACP to disclose its membership lists, the Court wrote,

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"[i]t is hardly a novel perception that compelled disclosure of affiliation with groups engaged in

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advocacy" may operate as "a restraint on freedom of association." *Id.* at 462. The

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government's mass call-tracking program raises precisely the same specter of associational

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harm by permitting the government to track every one of Defendants' telephone contacts.

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1                   2.     The Hemisphere Project

2                   a.     The Federal Government Has Amassed Yet Another Vast  
3                   Database Of Americans' Call Records

4                   In September 2013, the New York Times reported the existence of the Hemisphere  
5                   Project, a previously hidden program in which the "government pays AT&T to place its  
6                   employees in drug-fighting units around the country. Those employees sit alongside Drug  
7                   Enforcement Administration agents and local detectives and supply them with the phone data  
8                   from as far back as 1987."<sup>11</sup> The report was based on a set of training slides obtained by the

9                   Times. See Def.' Ex. 1 (ECF No. 242-1) (hereinafter "Hemisphere") 12  
10                   The Hemisphere Project involves a massive database of call detail records ("CDRs") for  
11                   every phone call that travels through an AT&T switch, whether placed using AT&T or another  
12                   telephony carrier. See *id.* at 2. The CDRs in the Hemisphere database include not only  
13                   information about dialed telephone numbers and other call-routing data, but also information  
14                   about the locations of callers. See *id.* at 3, 13. The database contains CDRs dating from 1987  
15                   to the present, and a search of the database will "include CDRs that are less than one hour old at  
16                   the time of the search." See *id.* at 3. A staggering four billion CDRs are added to the  
17                   Hemisphere database each day. See *id.* at 2. The government, which funds Hemisphere,  
18                   obtains CDRs from the database by directing administrative subpoenas at embedded AT&T  
19                   employees, who then query the system for records and return them in the government's  
20                   preferred format. See *id.* at 2-3.

21                   "Hemisphere is most often used by DEA and DHS in the Northwest [High Intensity  
22                   Drug Trafficking Area] to identify replacement/additional phones." *Id.* at 4. The project is

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25 <sup>11</sup> Scott Shane & Colin Moynihan, *Drug Agents Use Vast Phone Tapes*, *Following* N.Y. TIMES (Sept. 1, 2013), available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/02/us/drug-agents-use-phone-tapes-comping-records.html>.  
<sup>12</sup> The training slides were posted by the New York Times on its website. See Office of Nat'l Drug Control Policy, *Los Angeles Hemisphere*, available at *Synopsis of the Hemisphere Project*, N.Y. TIMES (Sept. 1, 2013), <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/09/02/us/hemisphere-project.html>.

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the database of call records using algorithms and other techniques to identify new phones whose

calling patterns are similar to a person's old or existing phone; thus when the target of an investigation ceases using one phone and/or acquires an additional one, Hemisphere provides the government with a list of "candidates for the replacement phone . . . ranked by probability."

*Id.* at 5-6, 7.

Troublingly, the government has engaged in a systematic campaign to conceal the existence and use of the Hemisphere Project from the public, including from defense attorneys and their clients. Law enforcement agents are "instructed to never refer to Hemisphere in any official report" and to "keep the program under the radar." *Id.* at 9, 10. In cases where

agents use Hemisphere to obtain CDRs and identify a suspect's new or additional phone, they

are directed to submit a second administrative subpoena to the suspect's carrier (whether AT&T

or another provider) for the CDRs related to the new phone number and to make reference only

to those records in any public materials, thus "walling off" the Hemisphere Project from

disclosure. *Id.* at 10.

### The Hemisphere Project Is Unconstitutional

Like the NSA mass call tracking program, Hemisphere violates the Fourth and First

Amendments.

The Hemisphere Project is unlike typical government requests to phone companies for

CDRs. In run-of-the-mill investigations, the government seeks a judicial order to the phone

company and obtains the records through the company's own internal processes. *United States v. Ruben*, 2013 WL 544888, at \*3 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 12, 2013) (government acquired call detail

records from service provider after obtaining and serving order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §

2703(d)). Here, however, the government funds and directs the entire process by paying AT&T

to embed its employees within DEA operational units, directing their search of the Hemisphere

system, and then obtaining CDRs in a format requested by the DEA. This constitutes state

action, as the government has created an agency relationship with embedded AT&T employees

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1 and has directed their searches of trillions of call records without warrants. See *United States v.*

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4 Hemisphere is functionally indistinguishable from mass surveillance programs where the  
5 government installs agents and monitoring equipment in phone company facilities and searches

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8 (2011) (holding that plaintiffs have standing to bring Fourth Amendment challenge to NSA

9 surveillance program that diverted all internet traffic passing through AT&T facilities into a

10 “SG-3 Secure Rooms” in their facilities where “[i]nformation of interest [was] transmitted from

11 the equipment in the SG-3 Secure Rooms to the NSA based on rules programmed by the NSA”

12 (alteration in original; internal quotation marks omitted).

13 A Hemisphere Project raises similar constitutional concerns as the NSA mass call

14 tracking database. The government is querying the stored call records of millions of people in

15 the United States in order to identify patterns in the communications and associations of a few

16 individuals. But the program sweeps up the records of millions of individuals who are not the

17 subject of any investigation, accessing their call records even though there is no suspicion they

18 have engaged in criminal wrongdoing, and analyzing their records without a warrant and hence

19 without any judicial oversight. This violates the Fourth and First Amendments. *Supra* Part II.

20 A-1-U. But Hemisphere goes even further than the NSA’s mass call-tracking program as the

21 CDRs stored in the Hemisphere database contain location information about callers (e.g.,

22 Hemisphere since Dec at 3, 13), thus implicating the specific concerns raised by five Justices

23 in *Jones*. See 132 S. Ct. at 955 (Sotomayor, J., concurring) (“wealth of detail about [a person’s]

24 familial, political, professional, religious, and sexual associations” revealed through “bins to the

25 psychiatrist, the plastic surgeon, the abortion clinic, etc.” (internal quotation marks, citation

omitted); *id.* at 964 (Alito, J., concurring).

Because the existence of the Hemisphere Project had been deliberately kept secret from  
the Defendants and the public at large until last month, despite use of the program in numerous

of Hemisphere surveillance.

## Stingrays Scan In Information From Innocent Third Party Wireless Devices

“Stingray” is the name for the Harris Corporation’s line of “cell site simulator” devices,

also called “IMSI catchers,” in reference to the unique identifier, or International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI), of wireless devices.<sup>13</sup> Wireless carriers provide coverage through a

network of base stations that connect wireless devices on the network to the regular telephone

network. An IMSI catcher masquerades as a wireless carrier’s base station, prompting wireless

devices to communicate with it. Stingrays are typically used in two ways: to collect unique

identifiers associated with phones in a given location or to ascertain the location of a

phone when the carrier knows the number associated with a particular subscriber.

Several features of stingrays are noteworthy:

First, the devices broadcast electronic signals that penetrate the walls of private locations

not visible to the naked eye, including homes, offices, and other private locations of individuals

and third parties in the area.<sup>15</sup>

Second, the devices can pinpoint an individual with extraordinary precision, if some

Although “Stingray” refers to a specific line of Harris Corporation products, see *infra* at note

<sup>13</sup> Jennifer Valentino-DeVries, *How ‘Stingray’ Devices Work*, WALL STREET JOURNAL (Sept. 21,

<sup>14</sup> The devices send signals like those emitted by a carrier’s own base stations. See e.g. Harris

base stations.” [http://serv99.mqai.sn.sourcesus.com/~phnrrrr/2600/Harris\\_StingRay.pdf](http://serv99.mqai.sn.sourcesus.com/~phnrrrr/2600/Harris_StingRay.pdf)

<sup>15</sup> These signals “penetrate walls” (necessarily, to provide connectivity indoors). *What You Need*

62 THE BELL SYSTEMS TECHNICAL JOURNAL 2719 (1983), [\[lucent.com/bstj/vol62-1983/articles/bstj62-9-2719.pdf\]\(http://www.alcatel-lucent.com/bstj/vol62-1983/articles/bstj62-9-2719.pdf\).](http://www.alcatel-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

1 cases “within an accuracy of 2 meters.”<sup>16</sup> *United States v. Rigmaiden*, a tax fraud prosecution,

2 in which the government’s use of the device has come to light. In it, the

3 government admitted that it used the device while conducting a search of an apartment

4 complex on foot, and that the device ultimately located the suspect while he was inside his unit.

5 See *United States v. Rigmaiden*, 2013 WL 1932800, at \*15 (D. Ariz. May 8, 2013).<sup>17</sup>

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7 information from third parties by mimicking a wireless company’s network equipment and

8 capturing the communications of the target’s mobile devices on the target’s network in the

9 vicinity.<sup>18</sup> The government in *Rigmaiden* conceded as much. See *id.* at \*20.

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12 messages.

13 Fifth, the government has failed to disclose crucial details about its use of stingray

14 technology – even to the magistrate judges who oversee and approve electronic surveillance

15 applications. In the *Rigmaiden* matter, the government sought court authorization from then

16 Magistrate Judge [redacted] to use a stingray. But the application did not indicate that the device

17 not only was a stingray and “did not disclose that the [redacted] device would capture signals from other

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19 16 *U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Inspector General, GSM Cellular Monitoring Systems, 12 (device*

20 can “locate a target mobile phone within an accuracy of 2 meters”).

21 <http://www.docstoc.com/docs/100662489/GSM-CELLULAR-MONITORING-SYSTEMS>

22 *U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Inspector General, GSM Cellular Monitoring Systems, 12 (device*

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25 Seminararbeiten, Kunr-Universität, Bochum, Germany, 15 (July 15, 2007) (“An IMSI Catcher

26 masquerades as a Base Station and causes every mobile phone of the simulated network

27 operator within a defined radius to log in”), available at

28 [http://www.emsec.rub.de/media/crypto/attachments/files/2011/04/imsi\\_catcher.pdf](http://www.emsec.rub.de/media/crypto/attachments/files/2011/04/imsi_catcher.pdf).

29 <sup>19</sup> See e.g., Ability “Active GSM Interceptor: IRIS II - In-Between Interception System - 2nd

30 Generation (Real Time) Interception for voice and SMS”, available at

31 <http://www.interceptors.com/intercept-solutions/active-gsm-interceptor.html>.

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33 *United States v. Diaz-Rivera et al.*, Case No. 12-CR-00030-EMC/EDL

1 cells phones in the area.” *Id.* A May 23, 2011 email obtained from the U.S. Attorney’s

2 Office for the Northern District of California is through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit

3 indicates that the *Rienwider* application was not unique. The email describes how federal

agents in this judicial district were using stingray “technology in the field” even though

4 applications submitted to the court did “not make that explicit”; the email further indicates that

5 magistrates in the Northern District of California had expressed “collective concerns” about

6 some aspects of some aspects of use of this technology. See Defn’ Exh. C (ECE No. 230) at 1

### 7 b. Stingrays Raise Myriad Fourth Amendment Problems

8 Stingray technology gives rise to numerous constitutional violations.

9 First, there is a serious question whether stingray technology can ever be used consistent with the Fourth Amendment. The Fourth

10 Amendment was interpreted in *Stanford v. Texas*, 379 U.S. 476, 481-82 (1965), where the Court

11 provided, British customs officials broader authority to search where they believed for goods

12 imported in violation of the British tax laws.” *Stanford v. Texas*, 379 U.S. 476, 481-82 (1965).

13 Stingrays, however, invariably scoop up information about innocent third parties as to whom

14 there is no probable cause. See *United States v. Snitro*, 800 F.2d 959, 963 (9th Cir. 1986)

15 through a person’s belongings.”

16 Second, and at a minimum, the government’s use of these devices constitutes a search

17 within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment. By pinpointing suspects and third parties when

18 they are inside homes and other private locations, stingrays invade reasonable expectations of

19 privacy. See *Kyllo v. United States*, 533 U.S. 27, 34 (2001) (thermal imaging to detect heat

20 from home constituted search); *United States v. Karo*, 468 U.S. 705, 715 (1984) (monitoring of

21 a beeper placed in car or enter into residence constituted search). In addition,

22 living nearby in order to seek information about interior spaces. See *Silverman v. United States*,

23 365 U.S. 505, 509 (1961) (use of “spike mike,” a microphone attached to spike inserted into

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...constituted "unauthorized physical penetration into the premises" giving rise to a search; Jones, 132 S. Ct. at 949 (installation and monitoring of GPS on suspect's vehicle

...constituted search because of "physical intrusion" for the purpose of obtaining information")

...Further, to the extent the government uses stingray devices while walking on foot immediately

5 outside people's homes to ascertain information about interior spaces, it impermissibly intrudes

6 on constitutionally protected areas; see *Illinois v. Rodriguez*, 113 S. Ct. 1100 (2012)

...government's use of sniffer dogs with trained dogs to sniff for drugs inside home constitutes

9 search). As a result, use of a stingray is presumptively invalid unless the government obtains a

...Third, assuming stingray use is not *per se* unconstitutional, and even in those instances

...where the government provides a warrant, the government must also provide the magistrate with

13 the government provided the magistrate with material information about the technology. Given

...the government's failure to do so, the government's use of stingray technology "the government's

15 duty of candor in presenting a warrant application," *United States v. Comprehensive Drug*

16 *Testing, Inc.*, 2011 WL 1178 (D.C. 2011), compels it to explain to magistrates the

17 technology and "the process by which the technology will be used to engage in the electronic

19 surveillance." See *in re Application for an Order Authorizing Installation and Use of a Pen*

20 *Register and Trap and Trace Device*, 890 F. Supp. 2d 747, 749 (S.D. Tex. 2012) (denying

21 application pursuant to non-register statute to use stingray device where application failed to

22 "explain the technology"). An understanding of "the technology involved" is necessary to

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24 with stingrays, the technology entails "a very broad and invasive search affecting likely

26 thousands of individuals in violation of the Fourth Amendment." *In re Application for an Order*

...pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(e)(2)(B) (*United States v. Ladd*, 2012 WL 1178 (D.C. 2011))

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2012) (denying similarly application for request for website records of all subscribers from

search, unless presented with material facts. If a search is necessary for the magistrate to craft "explicit limitations ... to prevent an overly intrusive

search." *United States v. Pettit*, 589 F.2d 418, 423 (9th Cir. 1978).<sup>20</sup> Thus, evidence that a search warrant was obtained pursuant to an affidavit that deliberately omitted key information is

**Full Extent Of The Electronic Surveillance Used In This Investigation**

The government's obligations under *Bush v. Maryland*, 372 U.S. 92 (1962), and Fed. R. Crim. P. 16, extend to information relevant to a Fourth Amendment motion to suppress.

Defendants are therefore entitled to disclosure of the full extent of the electronic surveillance used in this case, in particular, any reliance on NSA-derived call data, the Hemisphere Project, and/or stings.

Given the unconstitutionality of these intrusive surveillance programs and devices, *see supra* Part II-A, defendants have a right to information showing whether the government relied on them; for if it did, defendants would have more than a reasonable probability of prevailing on a motion to suppress. *See United States v. Carter*, 235 F.3d 453, 461 (9th Cir. 2000) ("[S]uppression of material evidence helpful to the accused, whether at trial or on a motion to suppress, violates due process if there is a reasonable probability that had the evidence been disclosed, the result of the proceeding would have been different.").

**The Government Has Failed To Disclose Significant Sources Of Information On Which It Relied To Obtain Wiretaps**

The information provided to defendants about the investigation contains obvious and substantial gaps.

<sup>20</sup> Such limitations might include judicially developed protocols for how to handle third-party data, *see* *C.D.T.* 621 F.3d at 1190 (proposing "disclosure and redaction" of third-party information by specialized personnel or an independent third party) (*Robinski*, C.J., concurring), and an express prohibition on capturing content absent compliance with the

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This is a multi-defendant prosecution for wire distribution and other drive-related

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Francisco to the Pacific Northwest. See Defs' Exh. P (ECF No. 220) ¶ 8.

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In the course of this investigation, the government obtained call detail records for

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742-907 home calls. It provided to defendants a spreadsheet with the call data, which associated

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of the "target" phone number (or other unique identifying number), number dialed or dialing in,

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date, time, and duration of the call, and in some instances location. The spreadsheet also

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revealed that at least 642 different unique identifying numbers are listed as "target" phones, but

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the government's original contract does not authorize call location information. It also lists 52 numbers

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that the government's contract did not authorize. The government's contract also lists 501 numbers in the identified area of the court order

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produced to defendants. See Defs' Mot. to Compel (ECF No. 226) at 22-24. This spreadsheet

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is a spreadsheet that lists all the call data that the government has produced to date.

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The government has produced call data for all the target phones listed in the spreadsheet.

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documents or information identifying the source of much of the call data

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when queried about how the government acquired such voluminous call data, the

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Assistant United States Attorney suggested that the data had been obtained by "administrative

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while there are large gaps in what the government has produced to date, the orders that

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have been disclosed are telling. At various points in the investigation when a target ceased

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using a particular phone that was being monitored, the government was quickly able to identify

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the target's new phone -- yet it has hardly explained how it accomplished this feat, saying only

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that it relied on undisclosed "confidential source[s]." See, e.g., Defs' Exh. Q (ECF No. 230) at

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Bates 01001350 ¶ d (Sprint suspended service on target's phone on August 8, 2009; two days

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later "a confidential source (previously identified as SOI-1) provided investigating agents with a

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new cellular telephone number")

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It is thus clear that the government has not disclosed all sources of call phone data. Such

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sources consist at a minimum of the following two types of information (1) all sources of

1 information for the approximately 750,000 calls involving at least 642 target numbers and (2)  
the sources of information that would identify and disclose to the government to ascertain  
3 replacement phones and for which the government then sought additional court orders  
authorizing it to obtain additional call data. This is despite the fact that the government relied  
heavily on the call phone data in obtaining authorization for the wiretaps. See Defs' Mot. to  
Compel (ECF No. 226) at 20-23.

2. **The Government's Disclosures Strongly Suggest Its Investigation  
Hemisphere**

At the same time, the evidence strongly suggests that the government relied in this  
investigation on the unconstitutional surveillance programs described above, including  
Hemisphere.

13 This case involved the investigation of a drug trafficking ring in California and the  
14 exactly the geographic and subject-matter focus of the Hemisphere Project, as  
detailed in the training slides disclosed by the New York Times. See Hemisphere Slide Deck at

15 4. The government acquired call detail records for almost three-quarters of a million phone  
16 calls. Cf. id. at 2 (4 billion CDRs comprise Hemisphere reports). It appears to have acquired  
17 at least some of these CDRs by administrative subpoena (see Defs' Mot. to Compel (ECF No.  
18 226) at 24), the process contemplated by Hemisphere. See Hemisphere Slide Deck at 2  
19 ("Hemisphere provides electronic call detail records (CDRs) in response to federal, state, and  
20 local administrative/grand jury subpoenas.").<sup>21</sup>

22 Perhaps most significantly, the government in this investigation was able to quickly

24 <sup>21</sup> To the extent these CDRs contained location information using an administrative subpoena  
25 acquiring cell site location information from a carrier "a court order under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(a).  
See, e.g., *In re Application of U.S. for Historical Call Site Data*, 724 F.2d 600 (5th Cir. 2013).  
26 While some courts that use the Fourth Amendment instead require the government to obtain a  
27 subpoena, the standard for disclosure is greater and it requires judicial action. See 18 U.S.C.  
28 § 2703(d) (which requires "specific and articulable facts" that "the records or other information  
sought are relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation")

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... primarily replacement phones as the targets of its drug investigation discarded old ones. See, e.g., DCIS Exh. Q (LEF No. 250). That agency is one of several projects

ffeatures." See Hemisphere Slide Deck at 5. Indeed "Hemisphere is most often used by DEA ... in the Northwest [High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area] to identify replacement/additional phones." *Id.* at 4; see also *id.* at 5 ("the program" can "find the new number" when target ... "the program" can find the new number of a target when the target is using that one unknown to law enforcement"). And, consistent with Hemisphere, here Defendants' new phone numbers were identified because they were being "used" by persons, in a similar fashion, with sufficient frequency and in a manner that made them identifiable as "old phones." *Defa. Mot. to Compel* (ECE No. 226) at 21 (quoting Bates 1000051-53).

The fact that the government's affidavits mention Hemisphere or other surveillance programs is not sufficient to establish that the government is using Hemisphere in any official document." *Id.* at 12. In much the same way, recently disclosed government training materials show that DEA agents, when performing surveillance, are instructed to manufacture an alternative basis for their investigation and for resulting evidence, in order to obscure the original source of the information. See "U.S. Directs Agents To Cover Up Programs," *supra* note 8 (Document obtained by Reuters "specifically directs agents to omit the SOD's involvement in handling [SOD-derived information] from investigative reports, affidavits, notes, affidavits, discussions with prosecutors and courtroom testimony. Agents are instructed to then use 'normal investigative techniques to recreate the information provided by SOD.'" <sup>22</sup> This practice effectively covers up the true source of the government's investigation, ensuring that the defendant never has the opportunity to challenge the legality of the surveillance tactics, and thus makes the surveillance program more effective. See *id.* (describing example where federal agent sought to conceal receipt of crucial intelligence from NSA intercept).

The ease with which the government in this investigation identified new phone numbers used by its targets would also be consistent with its use of stingrays. See *Fidow-Stingray* ("How 'Stingrays' Devices Work," *supra* note 14) (by "point[ing] the antenna at a location," stingray can collect

1 number associated with phone "in a given place at a given time").

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3 **Information About The Electronic Surveillance Used In This Case Is**

4 **Material To The Defense**

5 AS DISCUSSED ABOVE, THE GOVERNMENT OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM SOURCES THAT WAS NOT  
6 DISCLOSED TO THE DEFENSE, BUT WHICH IT USED TO OBTAIN WIRETAPS. SEE SUPRA PART II.B. THIS

7 COURT SHOULD ORDER DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE SOURCES, WHETHER THEY BELONG TO

8 HEMISPHERE OR OTHER SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS OR DEVICES NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED. INFORMATION

9 ABOUT THE SOURCES OF THE EXTENSIVE CELL PHONE DATA ACQUIRED AND RELIED UPON BY THE GOVERNMENT IS

10 THE FIFTH AMENDMENT'S GUARANTEE OF DUE PROCESS REQUIRES THE GOVERNMENT TO DISCLOSE TO

11 THE DEFENSE ANY EVIDENCE - FAVORABLE TO AN ACCUSED - AND MATERIAL EITHER TO GUILTY OR

12 PUNISHMENT." *Brady, 375 U.S. at 83*. EVIDENCE IS "MATERIAL" IF "THERE IS A REASONABLE

13 PROBABILITY THAT ITS DISCLOSURE WOULD HAVE AFFECTED THE OUTCOME OF THE PROCEEDINGS." *United*

14 *States v. Guzman Padilla, 573 F.3d 865, 800 (9th Cir. 2000)* (internal quotation marks, citation

15 OMITTED). FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 16 HELD EFFECTIVE THESE CONSTITUTIONAL SIGHTS BY

16 GOVERNMENT DISCLOSE "DOCUMENTS OR DATA IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POSSESSION, CONTROL, OR

17 CONTROL" THAT ARE "MATERIAL TO DEFENDING THE DEFENSE." *United States v. Guzman Padilla, 602 F.3d 747, 750*

18 TO FACTS RELEVANT TO RAISING FOURTH AMENDMENT CHALLENGES. SEE *Carter v. United States, 235 F.3d at 461*

19 ("THE SUPPRESSION OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE HELPFUL TO THE ACCUSED, WHETHER AT TRIAL OR ON A MOTION TO  
20 SUPPRESS, VIOLATES DUE PROCESS")

21 THE INFORMATION SOUGHT BY DEFENDANTS IS MATERIAL FOR FIVE REASONS:

22 FIRST, INFORMATION THAT SHEDS LIGHT ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT RELIED ON NSA-DERIVED

23 DATA, HEMISPHERE, OR STINGRAYS IS MATERIAL TO A MOTION TO SUPPRESS BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLOW

24 DEFENDANTS TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY INTENSIVE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS TO WHICH

1 they were subjected. There are significant gaps in the sources of the cell phone information

2 obtained by the government, gaps that are likely explained by the government's reliance on

3 Hemisphere or other forms of electronic surveillance. See *supra* at Part II.B.1&2. These

4 intrusive surveillance programs and devices are unconstitutional. See *supra* at Part II.A. "Rule

5 16 permits discovery that is 'relevant to the development of a possible defense.'" *United States*

6 *Mandel*, 914 F.2d 1215, 1219 (9th Cir. 1990). Defendants should therefore be permitted to

7 develop through discovery information about the extent of the government's reliance on

8 unconstitutional electronic surveillance in this investigation.

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10 Second, *Brady* requires the disclosure of evidence that "bears on the credibility of a  
11 significant witness in the case." *United States v. Striffler*, 851 F.2d 1197, 1201 (9th Cir. 1988).

12 see also *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150, 154 (1972). This requirement applies even if the  
13 "witness" is electronic surveillance.

14 Disclosure obligations apply to information about the reliability of "witnesses" the

15 government does not call to trial and that are not human. For example, the government must

16 disclose records about a drug-detecting dog, including training and certification records and the

17 "handler's log," in order to allow the defense to assess the dog's reliability and effectively

18 cross-examine the handler at a suppression hearing. *United States v. Thomas*, 726 F.3d 1086,

19 1090 (9th Cir. 2015) (citing *United States v. Ciudad-Arendano*, 532 F.3d 506, 370 F.3d 568, 570-71 (9th Cir.

20 2003)); see also *United States v. Cortez-Rocha*, 394 F.3d 1115, 1118 n.1 (9th Cir. 2005)

21 (disclosure of drug-detecting dog evidence is "mandatory"). The Supreme Court explained

22 earlier this year that a criminal defendant must be able to challenge the reliability of a drug-

23 detecting dog, noting specifically that the dog's past performance in the field may be relevant.

24 *Florida v. Harris*, 133 S. Ct. 1050, 1057 (2013). "Circumstances surrounding a particular

25 alert may underline the case for probable cause in some instances." *Id.* at 1057-58.

26 *Brady* and related disclosure requirements apply equally to dogs and the covert use of

27 surveillance programs. A drug-detecting dog's performance is relevant to assessing the dog's

28 credibility for purposes of a suppression motion. To the extent Hemisphere or other

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surveillance programs served as the "confidential source ... providing] investigating agents with new cellular telephone numbers" of the targets of the investigation. Defs' Exh. C (ECF No. 230) at Bates 01001350, so too is information about how these programs function.

And just as the "circumstances surrounding a particular alert" may undermine probable cause in a dog sniff situation. *Harris*, 133 S. Ct. at 1057, the same is true of information about the algorithm and advanced search features used by Transpire to find the new number. See

*Harris*, here Slide Deck at 5. Indeed, the government acknowledges that the replacement phone numbers identified by Transpire are only "an" 100% probability. *Id.* at 7. Under *Brady* and Rule 16, the defense is entitled to information that would allow cross-examination over the reliability of these surveillance programs.

Third, due process prohibits the government's deliberate omission of information necessary to bring a suppression motion. In *United States v. Barton*, 995 F.2d 931, 934 (9th Cir. 1993), the Ninth Circuit held that the deliberate destruction of evidence that would allow a

defendant to impeach the officer who submitted a search warrant affidavit violates due process principles announced in *Brady*. *Id.* at 935. *Barton* relied on *Franks v. Delaware*, 438 U.S. 154 (1978), which held that defendants have a right to challenge deliberately falsified

statements submitted in support of a search warrant application. *Barton*, 995 F.2d at 934-35. The underlying rationale of *Franks*, *Barton*, and *Brady* is that "a police officer should not be able to 'feel secure that false allegations in his or her affidavit for a search warrant could not be

challenged." *Barton*, 995 F.2d at 935; see also *Franks*, 438 U.S. at 168 (Fourth Amendment's probable cause requirement "would be reduced to a nullity if a police officer was able to use deliberately falsified allegations to demonstrate probable cause, and, having mislead[ed] the

magistrate, then was able to remain confident that the prey was worthwhile."). This constitutional prohibition prohibits the deliberate omission of information necessary for a successful motion to suppress. *Cf. United States v. Stanert*, 762 F.2d 775, 780-81 (9th Cir. 1985) ("[W]here a defendant is permitted to challenge a warrant affidavit valid on its face when it contains deliberate or

omitted information that would allow cross-examination over the reliability of the affidavit, the defendant is not denied due process. *United States v. Diaz-Navea, et al.*, Case No. 12-CR-00030-EMC/EDD.

1 [redacted] "intentional omissions of facts that tend to mislead"). It is publicly available evidence suggests  
2 that law enforcement contractors intentionally were admitting relevant information about their  
3 investigations, even in "official documents." Hemisphera Slide Deck at 12. ("never refer to

5 directed to omit reference to NSA-derived information and instead "recreate" information  
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9 applications to this Court. See Defs' Exh. O (ECF No. 230) at I. Due Process should prohibit,  
10 and not reward, such intentional omissions, as they would allow the government to "feel secure"

12 995 F.2d at 935.

13 In our *Bundy* and *Rule 16* require disclosure of all of the sources of the cell phone data  
14 obtained by the government in this investigation. This includes the sources of the 750,000 calls  
15 identified on the spreadsheet produced to defendants and the "confidential sources" that  
16 supplied new phone numbers. The Fourth Amendment right to be free from unconstitutional  
17 electronic surveillance "would be reduced to a nullity" (*Fisher*, 409 U.S. at 160) if the  
18 government were permitted to conceal from Defendants and the Court factual information about  
19 the extent to which the government relied on Hemisphera or other unconstitutional forms of  
20 electronic surveillance to further the investigation.

21 **U. C. BY Shrouding Its Surveillance Practices In Secrecy, The Government**  
22 **Prevents Courts from Reviewing Its Practices**

23 Information about the intrusive and powerful surveillance techniques used to investigate  
24 [redacted] is nearly essential to this judicial proceeding. For reasons that a significant part  
25 beyond this case. Disclosure of the information sought is necessary to prevent the government  
26 from immunizing controversial surveillance practices from judicial and public scrutiny.

27 "It is necessary to know about the nature of the government's surveillance  
28 practices, the people and their elected representatives would naturally approve without a second

I thought. But then again, they might not.” *In re Sealing and Non-Disclosure of*

2 *Pen/Trap/2703(d) Orders*, 562 F. Supp. 2d 876, 886 (S.D. Tex. 2008) (“*In re Sealing*”).<sup>22</sup>

3 While access to this information is fundamental to an open system of government in

general, it is particularly important where the government seeks to use new technology to

engage in surveillance. This is so because new forms of technology often raise novel

constitutional questions. *See supra* at Part A.

4 The government has argued that the information as to its surveillance practices is not

5 only from the public, but even from the courts. It takes affirmative measures to obscure its

6 reliance in criminal investigations on controversial surveillance sources like Hemisphere or

7 NSA-derived intelligence in documents presented to the Court. *See Hemisphere Slide Deck at*

8 12 (agents “instructed to never refer to Hemisphere in any official document”), U.S. District

9 Agents To Cover Up Programs” *supra* note 9 (Document obtained by Reuters directs agents to

10 “maintain reference to NSA-derived information and activities and maintain testimony and to use

11 “human investigative techniques to generate the information provided”). Agents in this

12 district have apparently used stingray technology “without making that explicit” in

13 accompanying applications to this Court. *See Defs’ Exh. Q* (ECF No. 230) at 1. Even in those

14 instances where the government does refer to surveillance practices in its

15 orders, the public has few methods for accessing this information.<sup>23</sup>

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18 Judge Smith has identified a troubling phenomenon of permanently sealed electronic

19 surveillance dockets in district courts around country. Government applications for electronic

20 surveillance are typically filed under seal “until further order of the Court”; but because the

21 government rarely moves to unseal these orders, they typically remain sealed indefinitely. *See*

22 *id.* at 977-79; *see also* Stephen Wm. Smith, *Garred, Sealed & Delivered: Defaming ECF’s*

23 *Sealant Docket 6* *Harv. J. & Pol’y Rev.* 313, 327 (2012) (estimating that federal magistrate

24 judges issued more than 30,000 orders for electronic surveillance under seal in 2006, “more

25 than thirty times the annual number of [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act] cases”). Based

on the First Amendment and common law right of access to judicial records, Judge Smith

26 need by the government for continued sealing. *Id.* at 905

<sup>22</sup> The Department of Justice is at present vigorously opposing Freedom of Information Act

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1 By keeping this information secret, the government, covert or not,

2 immunizes itself from popular, legislative, and local challenges to its surveillance practices.

3 applications-lack the benefit of the adversarial process in deciding these complex legal issues.

4 This has the potential to create serious distortions in the development of surveillance law, by

5 allowing the executive branch excessive authority in "making" the law.

6 Perhaps it is not surprising that the government actively assists disclosure of information

7 about its surveillance practices in Freedom of Information Act cases. But if the government is

8 able to hide this information even from criminal defendants who have been subjected to

9 intrusive surveillance, then these practices will escape all court review and the executive will

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13 system does not tolerate such a result

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23 by the United States' Attorneys Office for the Northern District of California in this Court.

24 DOJ has suggested that it should not even have to search for records (let alone produce them)

25 because most of the records are under erasure and it has no process for systematically ascertaining

26 whether the documents requiring scanning remain. *See* DOJ's Proposed Protective Order, *United States v. [redacted]*, No. 12-cv-04008-MEL, ECF No. 43 at 18:43-119 (excerpts

27 attached as Lye Decl., Exhs. 2 & 3). The government's thus keeping its surveillance practices

28 Southern District of Texas is thus equally apt in this judicial district. "indefinitely sealed means

permanently sealed." *In re Sealing*, 562 F. Supp. 2d at 878

III. CONCLUSION

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For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant Defendants' motion to compel.

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I. INTRODUCTION

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6 I d . a t 5 - 6 , 7 .

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17 b. The Hemisphere Project Is Unconstitutional

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and has directed their searches of trillions of call records without warrants. *See United States v.*

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intrusions by private individuals who are acting as govern

1 drug cases (*see* Hemisphere Slide Deck at 4, 14-26), a suppression motion by Defendants would  
2 be the first opportunity of which *amici* are aware for the judiciary to assess the constitutionality  
3 of Hemisphere surveillance.

4 3. Stingrays

5 a. Stingrays Scoop Up Information From Innocent Third Party  
6 Wireless Devices

7 <sup>3</sup> 6WLQJUD\` LV WKH QDPH IR UHWRK F F+DOOJ LWLW B, USLPXDMDW  
8 DOVR FDOOHG, <sup>3</sup> ,00 ,UFDWFKH B WR W K International Mobile LGHQWLILH  
9 subscriber identity ~~of~~ wireless devices.<sup>13</sup> Wireless carriers provide coverage through a  
10 network of base stations that connect wireless devices on the network to the regular telephone  
11 QHWZRUN \$Q ,06 , FDWFKHU PDVTXHUDGHV DV D ZLUHOHV  
12 devices to communicate with it. Stingrays are commonly used in two ways: to collect unique  
13 numeric identifiers associated with phones in a given location or to ascertain the location of a  
14 phone <sup>3</sup> ZKHQ WKH RIILFHUV NQRZ WKH QXPEHUV DVVRF LDWHG  
15 L W<sup>14</sup> L Several features of stingrays are noteworthy.

16 First, the devices broadcast electronic signals that penetrate the walls of private locations  
17 not visible to the naked eye, including homes, offices, and other private locations of the target  
18 and third parties in the area.<sup>15</sup>

19 Second, the devices can pinpoint an individual with extraordinary precision, in some  
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2 is one of the few cases in which WKH JRYHUHQJHU has come to light. In it, the  
3 government conceded that agents used the device while wandering around an apartment  
4 complex on foot, and that the device ultimately located the suspect while he was inside his unit.  
5 See *United States v. Rigmaiden*, 2013 WL 1932800, at \*15 (D. Ariz. May 8, 2013).<sup>17</sup>  
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7 Third, stingrays impact third parties on a significant scale. In particular, they capture  
8 LQIRUPDWLRQ IURP WKLUG SDUWLHV E\ PLPLFNLQJ D ZLUHC  
9 thereby triggering an automatic response from all mobile devices on the same network in the  
10 vicinity.<sup>18</sup> The government in *Rigmaiden* conceded as much. See *id.* at \*20.

11 Fourth, the devices can be configured to capture the actual content of phone calls or text  
12 messages.<sup>19</sup>

13 Fifth, the government has failed to disclose crucial details about its use of stingray  
14 technology — even to the magistrate judges who oversee and approve electronic surveillance  
15 applications. In the *Rigmaiden* matter, the government sought court authorization from then-  
16 Magistrate Judge Seeborg to use a stingray, but the application did not indicate that the device

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20 <sup>16</sup> See, e.g., PKI Electronic Intelligence GmbH, *GSM Cellular Monitoring Systems*, 12 (device  
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a search); *Jones*, 132 S. & W DW LQVWDOODWLRQ DQG PRQLWRULQJ

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Further, to the extent the government uses stingray devices while walking on foot immediately

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on constitutionally protected areas. *See Florida v. Jardines*, 133 S. Ct. 1409 (2013)

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1 several cell towers). A magistrate cannot exercise her constitutional function of supervising the  
2 search, unless presented with all material facts. Information about how the technology works is

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4 VHDU ~~United States v. Rettig~~, 589 F.2d 418, 423 (9th Cir. 1978).<sup>20</sup> Thus, evidence that a

5 search warrant was obtained pursuant to an affidavit that deliberately omitted key information is

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8 **B. Brady and Rule 16 Require The Government To Disclose To Defendants The**  
9 **Full Extent Of The Electronic Surveillance Used In This Investigation**

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5 SKRQH at 4; see also id. DW <sup>3</sup>WKH SURJUDP' FDQ <sup>3</sup>ILQG WKH QHZ Q

6 GURSV D SKRQH <sup>3</sup>WKH SURJUDP FDQ RIWHQ CHWHUPLQH FH

7 XQNQRZQ WR ODZ and, consistent with *Henry*, here DHIHQGDQWV QHZ

8 SKRQH QXPEHUV ZHUH LGHQWLILHG EHFDXVH WKH\ ZHUH EH

9 fashion, with similar calling patterns and similar comm RQ FDOOHUV WR >WKHLU ROG

10 Mot. to Compel (ECF No. 226) at 21 (quoting Bates 1000051-53).

11 The IDFW WKDW WKH JRYHUQPHQW has this phone located in the

12 surveillance programs LV QRW VXUSULVLQJ <sup>3</sup>\$OOJH HXHVWRUV DUH L

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1 they were subjected. There are significant gaps in the sources of the cell phone information  
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3 Hemisphere or other forms of electronic surveillance. See supra at Part II-B-1&2. These  
4 intrusive surveillance programs and devices are unconstitutional. See supra at Part II-A. 3 5 X O H

5 SHUPLWV GLVFRYHU \ WKDW LV μUHOHYDQW WR WKH GHYH  
6 v. Mandel, 914 F.2d 1215, 1219 (9th Cir. 1990). Defendants should therefore be permitted to  
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8 unconstitutional electronic surveillance in this investigation.  
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10 Second, Brady UHTXLUHV WKH GLVFORVXUH RI LAGHQFH WKD  
11 VLJQLILFDQW ZLWQHVV LQ WKH FDV, 851 F.2d 1197, 1201 (9th Cir. 1988);  
12 see also Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150, 154 (1972). This requirement applies even if the  
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14 Disclosure obligations apply to information about the reliability of 3 ZLWQHVVHV ' WKH  
15 government does not call at trial and that are not human. For example, the government must  
16 disclose records about a drug detecting dog, including training and certification records and the  
17 3 KDQGOHU ¶V ORJ ' LQ RUGHU WR DOORZ WKH GHIHQVH WR  
18 cross-examine the handler at a suppression hearing. United States v. Thomas, 726 F.3d 1086,  
19 1096 (9th Cir. 2013) (citing United States v. Cedano Arellano, 332 F.3d 568, 570-71 (9th Cir.  
20 2003)); see also United States v. Cortez Rocha, 394 F.3d 1115, 1118 n.1 (9th Cir. 2005)

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22 earlier this year that a criminal defendant must be able to challenge the reliability of a drug  
23 GHWHFWLQJ GRJ QRWLQJ VSHFLILFDQW WKDW WKH GRJ ¶V  
24 Florida v. Harris, 133 S. Ct. 1050, 1057 (2013). 3 > & @ instances surrounding a particular  
25 alert may un GHUPLQH WKH FDVH IRU SUREDEQW FDVHV ' LQ V RPH

26 Brady and Rule 16 disclosure requirements apply equally to dogs and the covert use of  
27 surveillance programs. A GUXJ GHWHFWLQJ GRJ ¶V SHUIRUPDQFH LV UH  
28 credibility for purposes of a suppression motion. To the extent Hemisphere or other

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(ECF No. 230) at Bates 01001350, so too is information about how these programs function.  
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that law enforcement agents are intentionally omitting relevant information about their

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directed to omit reference to NSA- GHULYHG LQIRUPDWLRQ DQG LQVWHDG 3U

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applications to this Court.

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2 Pen/Trap/2703(d) Orders ) 6XSS G 6 In re *Sealing* ' 22 3

3 While access to this information is fundamental to our open system of government in   
4 general, it is particularly important where the government seeks to use new technology to   
5 engage in surveillance. This is so because new forms of technology often raise novel   
6 constitutional questions. See *supra* at Part A.   
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8 But the government goes to great lengths to keep its surveillance practices secret not   
9 only from the public, but even from the courts. It takes affirmative measures to obscure its   
10 reliance in criminal investigations on controversial surveillance sources, like Hemisphere or   
11 NSA-derived intelligence, in documents presented to the Court. See Hemisphere Slide Deck at

12 DJHQWV <sup>3</sup>LQVWUXFWHG WR QHYHU UHIHUB WR ' E U F E WS/KHU   
13 \$JHQWV 7R & RYHU <sup>8</sup>S & <sup>8</sup>D U D E M obtained by *Reuters* directs agents to   
14 omit reference to NSA-derived information from affidavits and courtroom testimony and to use   
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16 GLVWULFW KDYH DSSDUHQWO\ XVHG VWLQJUD\ WHFKQRORJ   
17 accompanying applications to this Court. See 'HIV¶ ([K 2 (&) 1 REven in the *DW*   
18 instances when the government sets forth its surveillance practices in applications for court   
19 orders, the public has few methods for accessing this information.<sup>23</sup>   
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21 <sup>22</sup> Judge Smith has identified a troubling phenomenon of permanently sealed electronic   
22 surveillance dockets in district courts around country. Government applications for electronic   
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24 *Secret Docket* +DUY / 3RO¶\ 5HY federal magistrate   
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1           By keeping this information secret, the government, whether intentionally or not,  
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