

## Sub: Statement to the ERC Regarding MPD's Consideration of Biometrica's Technology

## To the Members of the Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today, via the Milwaukee Police Department, to provide clarity around the MPD's interest in partnering with Biometrica Systems, Inc., and accessing its law enforcement database, UMbRA.

To begin, Biometrica is not a facial recognition company, we are a big data identity management company. We do not build or operate facial recognition algorithms, do not retain biometric data or faceprints, and do not have a biometric gallery of any kind. No biometric identifiers are processed, transmitted, or stored. All image comparisons are human verified, and we do not use generative Al, which is why matches using our systems can be used in a court of law.

This is not a trade nor any compromise of civil liberties. This is to enable the Milwaukee Police Department to have access to UMbRA, the United States's largest 100% law enforcement-sourced near real-time database, which includes booking, conviction, felony warrant, sex offender, and missing person data only.

All records, which currently number almost 44 million, are either directly shared through partnerships with law enforcement agencies or derived from lawfully published law enforcement records. There is no ingestion of any other data, no social media, no news media, no driver's licenses, no DMV records, no commercial data, no credit scores, no OSINT.

There is no data sold to third party advertisers, and no data made available on any public interface. All access to UMbRA is strictly controlled: Only credentialed and trained law enforcement, quasi law enforcement (like AG's or DA's office investigators), or mission aligned partners working with law enforcement (like AML or ORC investigators) can get access.

In addition, we would like to be crystal clear: Biometrica does not participate in immigration enforcement or federal deportation operations. It does not work with ICE or DHS on immigration.

We would also like to clarify that Biometrica is a Nevada-incorporated, American-owned small business. We have no ties to any foreign military or weapons contractor, contrary to what has been reported recently in the media.

Biometrica systems were built with protecting individual privacy at their core and are compliant with all U.S. federal and state privacy and data protection laws, in addition to international data protection laws.

And just as critically — Biometrica was built to support a more equitable criminal justice system, in partnership with law enforcement and the communities they serve. Every agency that joins our partner network receives onboarding, anti-bias training, and clear guidelines on use. This includes Biometrica's published Recommended Use Policy for Law Enforcement — which makes clear that any match must be treated as an informational lead only, never as a basis for arrest or enforcement without human review.

The impact? Law enforcement has used our data and systems in multiple high-stakes investigations. UMbRA has provided timely, vital informational leads that helped law enforcement identify perpetrators of sexual assault, solve property and retail crimes, and close cases involving fraud. Our systems have helped law enforcement confirm the identities of deceased individuals and supported investigators in the recovery of missing children.

But for Milwaukee law enforcement to have access to this data and the tools — we need access to Milwaukee data.

We hope to support Milwaukee's vision for public safety technology that reflects its values — technology that doesn't just work but works responsibly. We sincerely believe that technology does hold the key, but it's the humans behind it — and their collective empathy, expertise, commitment and heart — that make the difference.

Thank you for your time, your oversight, and your commitment to getting this right.

Sincerely,

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