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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ET Docket No. 05-356

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has gained an international reputation for our efforts in identifying, developing and integrating technologies for law enforcement applications. Many of these new technologies provide the ability to detect and safely apprehend dangerous suspects never imagined even a few years ago.

For several years we have been working with Chang Industries to develop various means of observing barricaded suspects while remaining out-of-sight. Chang Industries has developed two successful prototype small cameras that provide the Sheriff's Department this capability. One is a camera inserted on a pole allowing officers to assess situations in attics, crawl spaces, on top of buildings, etc.; the other is a camera for insertion through doors or windows.

These devices transmit their information using radio frequencies your agency regulates. In the event these devices would be deployed, the situations routinely require the evacuation of neighboring homes, buildings, and apartments and the usage of the devices would be short in duration.

We are aware that other developers have received a waiver for the use of similar devices and we are requesting your consideration to support a similar waiver for Chang Industries. If we may provide any more information or be of any service, please contact Commander Charles "Sid" Heal, (CSHeal@lasd.org or 323-526-5466) of our Technology Exploration Project.

Sincerely:

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Betkey".

DAVID R. BETKEY, A/CHIEF  
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