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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2021-USMS-REF-000007
Subject: Deployment of Federal Law Enforcement personnel

Dear Requester:

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) is responding to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) referral of documentation from another component of the DOJ.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) referred 9 pages to USMS for direct response to you on August 3, 2021, as part of their continuing response to ATF's FOIA case number 2020-0993. Of the 9 pages referred, only one page included USMS equities, and USMS has processed that one page, withholding part of the page pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(e) of the FOIA.

FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(E) exempts from release information that would disclose law enforcement techniques or procedures, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Public disclosure of law enforcement techniques, procedures, and equipment could allow people seeking to violate the law to take preemptive steps to counter actions taken by USMS during investigatory operations. Information pertaining to resource deployments are law enforcement techniques and procedures that are not commonly known. The disclosure of this information serves no public benefit and would have an adverse impact on agency operations.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) determination in

response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may also contact Charlotte Luckstone or our FOIA Public Liaison at (703) 740-3943 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



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