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Washington, D.C. 20531

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Via Email

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Tyler Dukes
Reporter
The News & Observer

Re: OJP FOIA No. 21-FOIA-00122

Dear Mr. Dukes:

This letter responds to your February 17, 2021, Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request, which was received in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of the General Counsel, on the same date. A copy of your request is attached for your convenience.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in OJP, and records, consisting of approximately 71 pages, were located that are responsive to your request. After carefully reviewing the records, I have determined that the pages are exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemption (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2018). Exemption (b)(3) authorizes an agency to withhold information prohibited from disclosure by another statute. This provision concerns matters specifically exempted from release by statute (in this instance, 34 U.S.C. §10231, which pertains to research or statistical information collected by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and must remain confidential). This completes the processing of your request by OJP.

You may contact a member of our FOIA Staff at (202) 307-6235, via e-mail at FOIAOJP@usdoj.gov, as well as, our FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at:

US DOJ, Office of Justice Programs
Office of the General Counsel
810 7th Street, NW, Room 5400
Washington, D.C. 20531
Attn: FOIA

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, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, 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.

If you are not satisfied with OJP's 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 following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 calendar 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."

Sincerely,

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Government Information Specialist

Attachment