UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, Pro se, United States Penitentiary 3901 Klein Blvd. Lompoc, CA 93436

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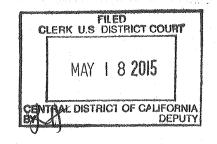
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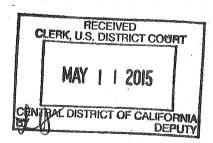
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Office of Information Policy
1425 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 11050
Washington, DC 20530-0001

and

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Federal Bureau of Information 170 Marcel Drive Winchester, VA 22602-4843

Defendants.





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COMPLAINT FOR RELIEF

1. This is an action under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, for injunctive and other appropriate relief and seeking the disclosure and release of agency records improperly withheld from plantiff by defendant U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") and its components Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and Office of Information Policy ("OIP").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This court has both subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the parties pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B). This court also has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Venue lies in this district under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).
- 3. Plantiff Edward Dean Hohner ("Hohner") has a personal interest in the disclosure and release of agency records improperly withheld from plantiff by defendant DOJ and its components FBI and OIP. In THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA v. EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, CASE NO. SCD216918, Hohner was convicted of 2X PC187(a)



and 2X PC190.2(a) counts with no physical evidence—no bodies, no DNA, and no gun—only the testimony of drug addicts and a paid government informant. Hohner believes the improperly withheld records are exculpatory and/or impeachment material.

4. Defendant DOJ is a Department of the Executive Branch of the United States Government, and includes component entities FBI and OIP. The DOJ is an agency within the meaning of U.S.C. § 552(f).

Government Agencies' Failure to Release Any and All Information Concerning Cellular Phone Number 619-787-9199 During the Month of February 1997.

- 5. On or about April 30, 2012, Hohner was convicted of COUNT 1: PC187(a) MURDER with PC12022.5(a)(1) ALLEGATION; with PC190.2(a)(17) ALLEGATION; COUNT 2: PC187(a) MURDER with PC12022.5(a)(1) ALLEGATION; with PC190.2(a)(17) ALLEGATION; in THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA v. EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, in Case No. SCD216918. Hohner was convicted in a 4 1/2 day trial with no physical evidence—no bodies, no DNA, and no gun—only the testimony of drug addicts and a paid government informant.
- 6. At the trial of Hohner, Arturo Camarena ("Camarena")—a witness that received immunity and an admitted heroin addict—testified that he witnessed Hohner murder two people, helped load them in a car, followed Hohner out to the Yuma, Arizona desert, and waited by the side of the road while Hohner drove off and disposed of the bodies and car. No bodies, car, DNA, or physical evidence has ever been found.
- 7. On or about December 20 2012, Hohner requested and received his file from trial attorney, Douglas L. Miller in Case No. SCD216918. See attached Exhibit "1", Correspondence between Hohner and Miller concerning file.
- 8. After Hohner received and read his file (Discovery), He noticed, through a FBI 302 report, that Special Agent James M. Bird ("SA Bird") telephoned a source ("Eric Juston Hamilton") to get the telephone numbers used by Eddie Hohner. The Source gave SA Bird Cellular No. 619-787-9199 along with some other numbers. See attached Exhibit "A", FBI 302 report, Discovery Page(s) 1558.

After Hohner saw this FBI 302 report, He remembered that Cellular Phone No. 619-787-9199 was registered to Hohner but used by Arturo Camarena on

February 21, 1997. This is the date Camarena claims to have witnessed Hohner murder 2 people and drive out to the desert to dispose of the bodies and car. Hohner believes that the Cellular phone records are exculpatory and impeachment materials.

- 9. On or about December 11, 2014, Hohner sent a FOIA request to the FBI requesting any and all information concerning Cellular Phone No. 619-787-9199 during the month of February 1997. See attached Exhibit "2", Exhibit "A", Hohner's original FOIA request.
- 10. On or about December 22, 2014, Hohner received a response stating that the FOIA was received at FBI Headquarters for processing and assigned FOIPA Request No. 1317689-000. See attached Exhibit "3", FBI acknowledges Hohner's FOIA request.
- 11. On or about December 22, 2014, Hohner received an additional response stating that the FBI was unable to identify main file records responsive to Hohner's FOIA request. However, the FBI also stated it could neither confirm nor deny the existence of requested records. The FBI advised that an appeal could be filed with the Office of Information Policy ("OIP"). See attached Exhibit "4", FBI neither confirms nor denies responsive records and advises right to appeal to OIP.
- 12. On or about January 04, 2015, Hohner sent an appeal to the OIP requesting any and all information concerning Cellular phone number 619787-9199 during the month of February 1997. See attached Exhibit "5", Hohner's Appeal to OIP.
- 13. On or about January 28, 2015, Hohner received a response stating the FOIA appeal was received by OIP and Appeal No. AP-2015-01642 was assigned. See attached Exhibit "6", OIP acknowledges receipt of Hohner's appeal.
- 14. On or about April 14, 2015, Hohner received an additional response from OIP affirming the FBI's action on requested information. Hohner was also advised that if he was dissatisfied with the action on his appeal, FOIA permits a person to file in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B). See attached Exhibit "7", OIP affirming FBI's action.

Requested Relief

Wherefore, plaintiff prays that this Court:

- A. order defendants to disclose the requested records in their entireties and make copies available to plaintiff;
- B. order defendants to acknowledge the existence or nonexistence of the requested records;
- C. order defendants to perform the search, put together the responsive records and prepare a comprehensive **Vaughn Index**, if the defendants claim an exemption or a statutory right to withhold requested documents.

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby affirm that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER
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EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT "1"

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER

AND

DOUGLAS L. MILLER

REQUESTING FILE

IN CASE NO. SCD216918

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December 20, 2012

To:

Douglas L. Miller, Attorney at Law 450 B Street, Ste 900 San Diego, California 92101

Re: California v. Hohner, Case No. CD216918

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing you to request my entire file, Pursuant to the Provisions of the California Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 3-700 Termination of Employment, (D) Papers, Property, and Fees, which states in pertinent part:

"A member whose employment has terminated shall:

(1) Subject to any protective order or nondisclosure agreement, promptly release to the client, at the request of the client, all the client papers and property. 'Client papers and property' includes correspondence, pleadings, deposition transcripts, exhibits, physical evidence, expert's reports, and other items reasonably necessary to the client's representation, whether the client has paid for them or not,"

Please promptly mail by U.S. Mail my entire file. Any video recordings, audio recordings, CD's, DVD's, Etc please convert to file. They will not let them into the institution. I have enclosed a package approval slip that authorizes you to send my file to me. Please place the package approval slip on the inside top of the file box(es). If more than one box is necessary to send the file, please copy the authorization slip and place a copy on the inside top of each box. As you must know the U.S. Supreme Court states that a pro se prisoner cannot be expected to file a meaningful post conviction pleading without the case file. Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,
Edward Dean Hohner

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January 23, 2013

Dear Edward:

I received your letter requesting your file and I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I was on vacation for a couple of weeks in December. I hope this finds you in good health and spirits.

It will take me some time to comply with your request to send you a copy of your file. I will have to have my legal intern and support staff work on this as it is a huge file and all witness addresses and confidential information must be redacted.

My office does not have the resources to convert CDs, DVDs, and audio recordings to transcription. I can only give you what my file already contains.

I will do my best to send this to you within a month but cannot promise a date certain. If you have any questions please feel free to call me collect.

Sincerely.

Douglas L. Miller Deputy Public Defender

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March 14, 2013

Mr. Edward Hohner 40544-198 U.S. Penitentiary 3901 Klein Boulevard Lompoc, California 93436

Re: Case #CD216918; Document Shipment & CD/DVD information

Dear Mr. Hohner,

The following is in response to your request for a copy of your case file and information regarding the number of CDs or DVDs associated with your case file.

Redacted copies of your case file documents are being prepared and should be ready for shipping within the next two-three (2-3) weeks. You should expect to receive four (4) boxes. The dimensions of each box are nine inches by twelve inches by seventeen inches (9"X12"X17").

Within your case file, there are twenty-six different discs with audio, video, and document files. The following is a list of the titles written on the discs:

- 1. Discovery reports 2054-2477 on CD
- 2. Discovery reports 2478-2714 on CD
- 3. Interview/polygraph of Juan Ortiz: 4/5/12 (2 audio files & 1 video file)
- 4. Interview Arturo Belmonte: 4/6; 4/9; 4/10; 4/11/12
- 5. Interview of Veronica Araiza: 4/7/12
- 6. Scanned photos FBI-search 1644 Alvarado St.: 11/5/4
- 7. All jail communication intercepted up to 9/30/11 to/from Hohner
- 8. Jail records for Edward Hohner
- 9. Hohner jail communication through 3/13/12
- 10. Interview of John Belmonte 3/15/12

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- 11. Hohner jail calls thru 3/13/12
- 12. Interview of Nora Cisneros-3/14/12
- 13. Interview of Ramon Silva 11/1/11 & 11/2/11
- 14. Interview of Angel Silva 10/12/11
- 15. Interview of Arthur Camarena 10/25/11
- 16. Interview of Hernan Villalobos-1/3/12
- 17. Hohner long distance phone records
- 18. Interview of Juan Ortiz on 3/30/12-Video
- 19. Interview of Juan Ortiz on 3/30/12-audio
- 20. FBI disk 245c-SD-65959-11/7/1
- 21. Hohner intercepted phone call 8/5/9
- 22. Interview with Silvia Camarena & Arturo Camarena-3/12/9
- 23. Interview with Daniel Cohenour-3/25/9
- 24. Hohner jail visits with parents
- 25. Jail visit with Araiza-11/26/2010
- 26. Hohner jail communications-email/mail/phone

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do. I wish you good luck with your appeal.

Best Regards,

DOUGLAS L. MILLER (SBN: 156995)

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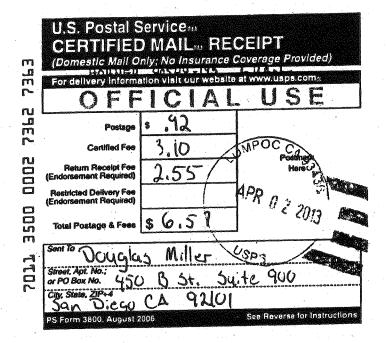
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March 29, 2013

To:

Douglas L. Miller, Attorney at Law 450 B Street, Ste 900 San Diego, California 92101

Re: California v. Hohner, Case no. CD216918

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Sincerely

Edward D. Hohner

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April 22, 2013

Mr. Edward Hohner 40544-198 U.S. Penitentiary 3901 Klein Boulevard Lompoc, California 93436



Re: Case #CD216918; Document Shipment

Dear Mr. Hohner,

Enclosed is the entire client file for case# CD216918, with the exception of any CD/DVD discs. I wish you good luck with your appeal.

Best Regards,

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EXHIBIT "2"

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER'S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

REQUEST

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2014



EDWARD DEAN HOHNER 40544-198 U.S. PENITENTIARY 3901 KLEIN BLVD LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436

DECEMBER 11, 2014

To: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT DEPARTMENT
170 MARCEL DRIVE
WINCHESTER, VA 22602 - 4840

Re: Freedom of Information Act request by Edward Dean Hohner; DOB: May 02, 1973; SSN: 572-87-1508.

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of information Act ("FOIA"), Title 5 United States Code §552, and is submitted by Edward Dean Hohner in Criminal Case THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA vs. EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, Case No. SCD 216918.

I request any and all information concerning cellular phone number 619-787-9199 during the month of February 1997. Cellular phone number 619-787-9199 was registered to Edward Dean Hohner, but utilized by Arthur Martinez Camarena while Camarena resided with Hohner during the above mentioned time frame.

The requested information is proven to exist from an FBI 302 report by Special Agent ("SA") James M. Bird. In the FBI 302 report, the source (ERIC JUSTON HAMILTON) gives SA Bird the requested phone numbers of Edward Dean Hohner. SA Bird writes:

"On October 25, 1999 at 5:25 PM, Special Agent (SA) James M. Bird telephoned a Source, who is in a position to testify, at his place of employment. SA Bird was responding to a page he had received from the Source. The Source told SA Bird that he was calling in response to a message left for him earlier in the day. SA Bird requested that the Source give him the phone number used by Eddie Hohner. He advised that Hohner uses the following numbers:

Home: (760) 754-9199 Cellular: (619) 787-9199

Pager: (760) 752-9199" See attached Exhibit "A", Discovery of EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, Case No. SCD216918, Page(s) 1558, Paragraph 1.

HOHNER'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- 1. Any and all copies of affidavits and/or testimonies used to obtain the phone records for cellular phone number 619-787-9199.
- 2. Any and all copies of warrants and/or subpoenas used to obtain the phone records for cellular phone number 619-787-9199.
- 3. Any and all copies of phone records for cellular phone number 619-787-9199.

U.S Department of Justice

Certification of Identity



FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1103-0016 EXPIRES 03/31/17

Privacy Act Statement. In accordance with 28 CFR Section 16.41(d) personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of U.S. Department of Justice systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Department. Requests will not be processed if this information is not furnished. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Suggestions for reducing this burden may be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Public Use Reports Project (1103-0016), Washington, DC 20503.

ruii Name of Requester - EDWARD DEAN HUHNER		
Citizenship Status ² U.S. CITIZEN	_ Social Security	Number ³ 572–87–1508
Current Address 3901 KLEIN BLVD, LOMPOC,	. CALIFORNIA	93436
Date of Birth MAY 02, 1973	_ Place of Birth	OKINAWA, JAPAN
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This form is also to be completed by a requester who is authorizing	g information relating	g to himself or herself to be released to another person.
Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b), I authorize the U.S.	Department of Justic	ce to release any and all information relating to me to:
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United Stanamed above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement of more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3). Signature 4	nent is punishable un ve vears or both, an	der the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of

Name of individual who is the subject of the record(s) sought.

² Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either "a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552, rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

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Signature of individual who is the subject of the record sought.

EXHIBIT "A"

FBI 302 REPORT BY SA BIRD

DISCOVERY OF EDWARD DEAN HOHNER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/09/1999

On October 25, 1999 at 5:25 PM, Special Agent (SA) James M. Bird telephoned a Source, who is in a position to testify, at his place of employment. SA Bird was responding to a page he had received from the Source. The Source told SA Bird that he was calling in response to a message left for him earlier in the day. SA Bird requested that the Source give him the phone number used by Eddie Hohner. He advised that Hohner uses the following numbers:

Home: CeIlular: Pager: (760) <u>/154-9199</u> (619) <u>787-9199</u> (760) <u>752-919</u>9

The Source also advised that Matt Last Name Unknown (LNU), the individual renting the front house owned by Hohner at 1641 Alvarado Street, Oceanside, CA, told him that on today's date, Marshals came to arrest Cynthia Araiza, Hohner's girlfriend, who resides with Hohner in the back house. Araiza, according to Matt, house when the Marshals went to the back portion of the residence to search for her. They eventually left without taking her into custody. The Source said that he does not know whether the Marshals were local or federal. He advised that local Marshals may be looking for her for traffic violations or federal Marshalls may have come to arrest her for probation violation. Araiza has told the Source that she had tested positive for drugs on two occasions.

The Source also advised that paramedics had to be called last week to treat Araiza for a seizure brought on by methamphetamine use. The paramedics told Hohner and Araiza that they will have to advise the police if they are called again to treat Araiza for her drug problem. In addition, the Source advised that Araiza's drivers license has been confiscated. Accordingly, Hohner will not allow her to drive.

The Source suggested that when Araiza is taken into custody it may be a good time to interview her. SA Bird mentioned that she certainly will not want to be in custody and may be willing to cooperate in order to minimize her jail time. The

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. This the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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EXHIBIT "3"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER'S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

REQUEST

DATED: DECEMBER 22, 2014

FOIA REQUEST NO. 1317689-000



Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

December 22, 2014

MR. EDWARD DEAN HOHNER **40544-198 UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY 3901 KLEIN BOULEVARD LOMPOC, CA 93436

> FOIPA Request No.: 1317689-000 Subject: HOHNER, EDWARD DEAN (CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER 616-787-9199/FEBRUARY 1997)

Dear Mr. Hohner:

This	acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to the FBI.
V	Your request has been received at FBI Headquarters for processing.
	Your request has been received at the [Resident Agency / Field Office] and forwarded to FBI Headquarters for processing.
V	We are searching the indices to our Central Records System for the information responsive to this request. We will inform you of the results in future correspondence.
	Your request for a fee waiver is being considered and you will be advised of the decision at a later date.
F	Please check for the status of your FOIPA request at www.fbi.gov/foia by clicking on Check the Status of Your FOIPA Request under Records Available Now located on the right side of the page. Status updates are adjusted weekly. The status of newly assigned requests may not be available until the next weekly update. If the FOIPA has been closed the notice will indicate that appropriate correspondence has been mailed to the address on file.

The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

EXHIBIT "4"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CANNOT IDENTIFY RESPONSIVE RECORDS

NEITHER CONFIRMS NOR DENIES

EXISTENCE OR NONEXISTENCE

OF RESPONSIVE RECORDS

ADVISED OF RIGHT TO APPEAL TO

OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY

DATED: DECEMBER 22, 2014

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

December 22, 2014

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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.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in any correspondence to us for proper identification of your request.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the FBI Fact Sheet and Explanation of Exemptions.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information

Dissemination Section

Records Management Division

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FBI FACT SHEET

- The primary function of the FBI is national security.
- The FBI does not keep a file on every citizen of the United States.
- The FBI was not established until 1908 and we have very few records prior to the 1920s.
- FBI files generally contain reports of FBI investigations of a wide range of matters, including counterterrorism, counter-intelligence, cyber crime, public corruption, civil rights, organized crime, white-collar crime, major thefts/violent crime, and applicants.
- The FBI does not issue clearances or non-clearances for anyone other than its own personnel or persons
 having access to FBI facilities. Background investigations for security clearances are conducted by many
 different Government agencies. Persons who received a clearance while in the military or employed with some
 other government agency should contact that entity. Most government agencies have websites which are
 accessible on the internet which have their contact information.
- An identification record or "rap sheet" is NOT the same as an "FBI file" It is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and related documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization or military service. The subject of a "rap sheet" may obtain a copy by submitting a written request to FBI, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Record Request, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306. Along with a specific written request, the individual must submit a new full set of his/her fingerprints in order to locate the record, establish positive identification, and ensure that an individual's records are not disseminated to an unauthorized person. The fingerprint submission must include the subject's name, date of birth and place of birth. There is a required fee of \$18 for this service which must be submitted in the form of a money order or certified bank check made payable to the Treasury of the United States. A credit card payment option is also available. Forms for this option and additional directions may be obtained by accessing the FBI Web site at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background_checks.
- The National Name Check Program (NNCP) conducts a search of the FBI's Universal Index (UNI) to identify any information contained in FBI records that may be associated with an individual and provides the results of that search to the requesting Federal, State or local agency. For the NNCP, a name is searched in a multitude of combinations and phonetic spellings to ensure all records are located. The NNCP also searches for both "main" and "cross reference" files. A main file is an entry that carries the name corresponding to the subject of a file while a cross reference is merely a mention of an individual contained in a file. The results from a search of this magnitude can result in several "hits" and "idents" on an individual. In each instance where UNI has identified a name variation or reference, information must be reviewed to determine whether it is applicable to the individual in question.
- The Record/Information Dissemination Section—Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOIPA) searches for records and provides copies of FBI files relevant to a FOIPA request for information. FOIPA provides responsive documents to requesters seeking "reasonably described information." For a FOIPA search, the subject name, event, activity, or business is searched to determine whether there is an investigative file associated with the subject. This is called a "main file search" and differs from the NNCP search.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FBI, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.fbi.gov

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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service he release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FBI/DOJ

EXHIBIT "5"

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER'S

FOIA APPEAL TO

OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY

DATED: JANUARY 04, 2015

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EDWARD DEAN HOHNER
40544-198
U.S. Penitentiary
3901 Klein Blvd.
Lompoc, California 93436

January 04, 2015

To: Director
Office of Information Policy ("OIP")
U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ")
1425 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 11050

Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Request No. 1317689-000, Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Appeal. by Edward Dean Hohner; SSN: 572-87-1508; DOB: May 02, 1973.

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter constitutes an Appeal under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA") Title 5 § 552(a)(6) and is submitted by Edward Dean Hohner in Criminal Case THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA V. EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, Case No. SCD216918.

BACKGROUND

- 1. Hohner sent a FOIA request dated December 11, 2014, to the FBI requesting any and all information concerning cellular phone number 619-787-9199 during the month of February 1997. See attached FOIA request dated December 11, 2014.
- 2. On or about December 22, 2014, Hohner received a response back from David M. Hardy; Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section; Records management Division; FBI; U.S. DOJ dated December 22, 2014, neither confirming or denying the requested documents exist, and Hohner could file an appeal with the OIP and U.S. DOJ. <u>See</u> attached response dated December 22, 2014.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

Please be informed that Hohner considers the requested material releasable under FOIA and your agencies policy to be arbitrary and capricious.

The requested FOIA information does not fall under any of the exclusions listed on the response from the U.S. DOJ and FBI, <u>See</u> attached response dated December 18, 2014, and, therefore, is releasable. Hohner asks that if the Office of Information Policy ("OIP") concludes it is appropriate to assert the exemptions listed on the response, then the prevailing controlling authorities require the U.S. DOJ and FBI to acknowledge the existence or the nonexistence of the records and identify them, so that an in camera review of such documents may be performed by the U.S. District Court on collateral review,

Hohner requests, at the very least, that if the U.S. DOJ and FBI claims an exemption or a statutory right to withhold any requested documents, that the U.S. DOJ and FBI perform the search, put together the responsive records and prepare a comprehensive Vaughn Index so that a receiving court may determine the claim that the U.S. DOJ and FBI is asserting. FOIA places the burden of justifying nondisclosure on the government. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B). The government must prove that each of the requested documents "either have been produced, is unidentifiable, or is wholly exempt under the Act." Marks v. U.S. Dept. of Justice, 578 F.2d 261, 262 (9th Cir. 1978) (citing National Cable Television Ass'n, Inc. v. F.C.C., 479 F.2d 183, 186, 156 U.S. App. D.C. 91, (D.C., Cir. 1973).

Furthermore, in <u>Trammel v. United States</u>, 445 U.S. 40, 50 (1980) the Supreme Court recognized the fundamental principle that "the public...has a right to every mans evidence." <u>Id.</u> 50. Also <u>See United States v. Nixon</u>, 418 U.S. 683, 709 (1974).

Thank you for your consideration of this request, I will look forward to your response within twenty (20) working days.

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby affirm that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted

Edward Dean Hohner

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U.S Department of Justice

Certification of Identity



FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1103-0016 **EXPIRES 03/31/17**

Privacy Act Statement. In accordance with 28 CFR Section 16.41(d) personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of U.S. Department of Justice systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Department. Requests will not be processed if this information is not furnished. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Suggestions for reducing this burden may be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Public Use Reports Project (1103-0016), Washington, DC 20503.

Full Name of Requester - EDWARD DEAN I	10HNER
Citizenship Status ² U.S. CITIZEN	Social Security Number ³ 572-87-1508
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Current Address 3901 KLEIN BLVD., LO	MPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436
Date of Birth MAY 02, 1973	Place of Birth OKINAWA, JAPAN
	CITIZEN BORN ABROAD
OPTIONAL: Authorization to Release Int	formation to Another Person
This form is also to be completed by a requester who is a	uthorizing information relating to himself or herself to be released to another person.
Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b), I authorize	the U.S. Department of Justice to release any and all information relating to me to:
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named above, and I understand that any falsification of the	United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person his statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false 52a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.
Signature 4 2 2 5	Date 1-4-2015
Name of individual who is the subject of the recor	rd(s) sought.

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Signature of individual who is the subject of the record sought.

HOHNER'S FOIA REQUEST

DATED DECEMBER 11, 2014

EXCLUDING EXHIBITS

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER 40544-198 U.S. PENITENTIARY 3901 KLEIN BLVD LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436

DECEMBER 11, 2014

To: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT DEPARTMENT 170 MARCEL DRIVE
WINCHESTER, VA 22602 - 4840

Re: Freedom of Information Act request by Edward Dean Hohner; DOB: May 02, 1973; SSN: 572-87-1508.

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of information Act ("FOIA"), Title 5 United States Code §552, and is submitted by Edward Dean Hohner in Criminal Case THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA vs. EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, Case No. SCD 216918.

I request any and all information concerning cellular phone number 619-787-9199 during the month of February 1997. Cellular phone number 619-787-9199 was registered to Edward Dean Hohner, but utilized by Arthur Martinez Camarena while Camarena resided with Hohner during the above mentioned time frame.

The requested information is proven to exist from an FBI 302 report by Special Agent ("SA") James M. Bird. In the FBI 302 report, the source (ERIC JUSTON HAMILTON) gives SA Bird the requested phone numbers of Edward Dean Hohner. SA Bird writes:

"On October 25, 1999 at 5:25 PM, Special Agent (SA) James M. Bird telephoned a Source, who is in a position to testify, at his place of employment. SA Bird was responding to a page he had received from the Source. The Source told SA Bird that he was calling in response to a message left for him earlier in the day. SA Bird requested that the Source give him the phone number used by Eddie Hohner. He advised that Hohner uses the following numbers:

Home: (760) 754-9199 Cellular: (619) 787-9199

Pager: (760) 752-9199" See attached Exhibit "A", Discovery of EDWARD DEAN HOHNER, Case No. SCD216918, Page(s) 1558, Paragraph 1.

HOHNER'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- 1. Any and all copies of affidavits and/or testimonies used to obtain the phone records for cellular phone number 619-787-9199.
- 2. Any and all copies of warrants and/or subpoenas used to obtain the phone records for cellular phone number 619-787-9199.
- 3. Any and all copies of phone records for cellular phone number 619-787-9199.

RESPONSE FROM

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATED DECEMBER 22, 2014

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Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

December 22, 2014

MR. EDWARD DEAN HOHNER **40544-198 **UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY** 3901 KLEIN BOULEVARD LOMPOC, CA 93436

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FOIPA Request No.: 1317689-000 Subject: HOHNER, EDWARD DEAN (CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER 616-787-9199/FEBRUARY 1997)

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Declining Chiler, Record/Information

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Records Management Division

EXHIBIT "6"

OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY

ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF

EDWARD DEAN HOHNER'S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

DATED: JANUARY 28, 2015

FOIPA REQUEST NO. 1317689-000

APPEAL NO. AP-2015-01642

APPEAL



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Information Policy

Telephone: (202) 514-3642

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 28, 2015

Mr. Edward D. Hohner Register No. 1312415 United States Penitentiary 3901 Klein Boulevard Lompoc, CA 93436

Re: Request No. 1317689

Dear Mr. Hohner:

This is to advise you that your administrative appeal from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was received by this Office on January 16, 2015.

The Office of Information Policy has the responsibility of adjudicating such appeals. In an attempt to afford each appellant equal and impartial treatment, we have adopted a general practice of assigning appeals in the approximate order of receipt. Your appeal has been assigned number AP-2015-01642. Please mention this number in any future correspondence to this Office regarding this matter. Please note that if you provide an e-mail address or another electronic means of communication with your request or appeal, this Office may respond to your appeal electronically even if you submitted your appeal to this Office via regular U.S. Mail.

We will notify you of the decision on your appeal as soon as we can. If you have any questions about the status of your appeal, you may contact me at the number above. If you have submitted your appeal through this Office's online electronic appeal portal, you may also obtain an update on the status of your appeal by logging into your portal account.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Jones

Supervisory Administrative Specialist

EXHIBIT "7"

OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY

AFFIRMING

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S DECISION

DATED APRIL 14, 2015

FOIPA NO. 1317689-000

APPEAL NO. AP-2015-01642

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U.S. Department of Justice Office of Information Policy Suite 11050
1425 New York Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Telephone: (202) 514-3642

Mr. Edward D. Hohner Register No. 40544-198 United States Penitentiary 3901 Klein Boulevard Lompoc, CA 93436

Re:

Appeal No. AP-2015-01642

Request No. 1317689

AMJ:TAZ

VIA: U.S. Mail

Dear Mr. Hohner:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to records concerning "cell phone number 619-787-9199 during the month of February 1997."

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the FBI's action on your request. The FOIA provides for disclosure of many agency records. At the same time, Congress included in the FOIA nine exemptions from disclosure that provide protection for important interests such as personal privacy, privileged communications, and certain law enforcement activities. To the extent that your request seeks access to records that would either confirm or deny an individual's placement on any government watch list, the FBI properly refused to confirm or deny the existence of any records responsive to your request because the existence of such records is protected from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(j)(2) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E). FOIA Exemption 7(E) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions. This response should not be taken as an indication that records do or do not exist. Rather, this is the standard response made by the FBI.

As to any other records, the FBI informed you that it could locate no main file records subject to the FOIA in its files. I have determined that the FBI's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for records responsive to your request.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. 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,

4/14/2015

Sean R. O'Neill

Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff

Signed by: Sean O'Neill

