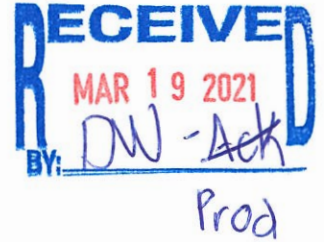




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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Washington, D.C. 20223

March 9, 2021



Austin R. Evers
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal – File Number 20200897

Dear Mr. Evers:

I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal regarding the above referenced file. Your appeal challenges the U.S. Secret Service's withholding of information responsive to your organization's July 2020 FOIA request for: 1) the number of Secret Service officers with confirmed or probable cases of coronavirus, and 2) the number of COVID-19-related fatalities within the Secret Service.

In response to your appeal, the agency will release the requested information. An anonymized spreadsheet containing information regarding the total number of Secret Service officers with confirmed cases of coronavirus from March 1, 2020 through July 28, 2020 is enclosed with this letter.¹ This information has been produced in this format to protect personally identifiable information that could otherwise be withheld under FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

I am required to advise you that this decision is subject to judicial review in federal court. This review may occur where the complainant resides or has a principal place of business, in the area where the agency records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

¹ In summary, the spreadsheet indicates that between March 1, 2020 and July 28, 2020, twenty-nine Secret Service officers tested positive for COVID-19. Furthermore, there have been no COVID-19 related fatalities within the agency.

U.S. Secret Service Aggregate COVID-19 Positive Officer Test Results
March 1, 2020 - July 28, 2020

Number	Title	Test Results
1	Officer	Positive
2	Special Officer	Positive
3	Investigative Protection Officer	Positive
4	Officer	Positive
5	Special Officer	Positive
6	Officer	Positive
7	Officer	Positive
8	Officer	Positive
9	Special Officer	Positive
10	Officer	Positive
11	Officer	Positive
12	Officer	Positive
13	Officer	Positive
14	Officer-Technican	Positive
15	Officer	Positive
16	Officer	Positive
17	Officer	Positive
18	Officer	Positive
19	Officer	Positive
20	Officer	Positive
21	Officer	Positive
22	Officer	Positive
23	Officer	Positive
24	Officer	Positive
25	Officer-Technican	Positive
26	Officer	Positive
27	Officer	Positive
28	Investigative Protection Officer	Positive
29	Officer	Positive

Total: 29