

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

MATTHEW PAUL MORRIS
Petitioner

V.

CASE NO:

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL TOBACCO
AND FIREARMS AND
UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE
Respondent

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**REQUEST FOR COURT ORDER FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ("FOIA") RE: STATE CASE: 47209-
CF-00058 SA.**

COMES NOW, Matthew Paul Morris, pro se, and request, pursuant to applicable federal law, that this Court order the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms ("BATF"), and United States Marshal Service ("USMS") to comply with previously filed FOIA request. In support, Petitioner states the following:

FACTS

1. Petitioner is convicted of the crime of murder in State Court.
2. Petitioner has maintained ACTUAL INNOCENCE throughout two trials and has steadfastly asserted that the lead detective, who was corrupt and would be arrested on felony charges prior to Defendant/ Petitioner being indicted, had enlisted agents from the USMS to assist in causing his arrest and had

collaborated with at least one of these agents to tamper with, fabricate, remove, and/ or plant evidence at the scene of his arrest.

3. Petitioner has repeatedly stated under oath that he witnessed a certain USMS agent plant/ open the box containing the murder weapon and has sought to obtain and present evidence to support this, but his efforts have been thwarted. Specifically, the State Court refused to grant motion to obtain this agents prints for testing against ones found inside of the inner flap of the box containing the murder weapon, consistent with the box being torn open as petitioner witnessed. The same Court allowed this agent to tell a jury that he found the murder weapon on petitioner's person, The jury never got to learn that this agent had made conflicting statements about the murder weapon's located and discovery to other Law Enforcement because the State Court ruled that this could not be raised.

4. The amount of conflicting statement by Law Enforcement present at the scene arrest and review of available reports and video footage/ photos conclusively demonstrate that there has been tampering at the scene of arrest. A forensic examiner reviewed the scene of arrest and determined the same.

5. When attempts were made to determine the extent of the tampering and Law

Enforcement was questioned concerning conflicting and inconsistent statements as to what actually transpired, some of them, including USMS agents, made vague comments about involvement of BATF agents in an attempts to shift blame despite the fact that no actual evidence of BATF involvement was documented in the form of reports or other material available under rules of discovery.

6. Petitioner made a BATF request under the Freedom of Information Act October 18th, 2017. The request was made to the Tampa Office and was designated as request # 2018-0184. Since then Petitioner has made numerous written and telephonic request and either gets no reply or is given the “run around.”
7. Petitioner has made FIOA request to two separate USMS offices involved; (Tampa, and Charleston, West Virginia). Despite several requests to both offices over a span of several years, no reply has been forthcoming.
8. Petitioner has been negatively effected in trial and his post conviction period is almost up and after-wards he will be petitioning the Federal Court via Habeas Corpus.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully moves that this Court compel these agencies to comply with the FOIA requests in interest of Justice as petitioner seeks to exonerate himself by demonstrating the fact that certain corrupt Law Enforcement planted the murder weapon and fabricated evidence.

/s/ 
Matthew Paul Morris # C10400

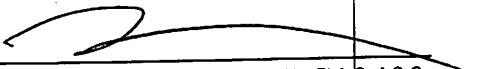
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Respectfully Submitted,

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