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Via FedEx & E-mail

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Re: *FOIA-2021-00883*

Dear Ms. Villanueva:

We write to inquire on the status of our March 5, 2021 FOIA request that DOJ produce certain categories of documents relating to DOJ's drafting and publication of the "United States Department of Justice Statement on the PCAST Report: Forensic Science in Criminal Courts: Ensuring Scientific Validity of Feature-Comparison Methods," which was made available on DOJ's website on January 13, 2021.

On April 2, nearly one month after our request was submitted, you sent an acknowledgement letter stating that you had assigned our request to the "complex track." In the nearly five months since, we have heard nothing further. On August 9 and August 12, we left voicemails for your office requesting a status update, but these voicemails were not returned.

Please immediately inform us of the status of our request, and when we can expect productions to begin. We are of course amenable to discussing search terms to ensure a reasonable process. Unfortunately, if you continue to ignore our requests for collaboration, we will need to consider all of our options.

We are happy to speak further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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