

# EXHIBIT 7



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2020USMS35431**

Dear Ms. Patti;

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) is responding to your request, received by USMS FOIA office on Thursday, July 2, 2020, for copies of any records that pertain to USMS investigation into staff member involvement in drug trafficking at the Los Angeles Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC Los Angeles), from January 1, 2003 to the present.

Based on the information provided in your letter, the USMS Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) conducted a search. OPR did not locate any responsive documents pertaining to USMS investigations into staff members accused of drug trafficking at MDC Los Angeles.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 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."

You may also contact Charlotte Luckstone or our FOIA Public Liaison at (703) 740-3943 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. 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, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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