

EXHIBIT 31



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Marshals Service

Office of General Counsel

*CG-3, 15th Floor
Washington, DC 20530-0001*

April 28, 2020

Italia Patti
111 Monument Circle Suite 3200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request No. 2020USMS35154
Subject: All records on escapes from MDC Los Angeles from January 1, 2003-
December 31, 2007

Dear Ms. Patti,

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request for all records on attempted or completed escapes from the MDC Los Angeles. The dates you inquired about are from January 1, 2003-December 31, 2007.

The USMS adopted a “first in/first out” practice for processing all incoming FOIA/PA requests. Your request was placed in chronological order based on following the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible when assigned for processing. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request you may contact the Government Information Specialist assigned to your request at the following address:

United States Marshals Service
CG-3, 15th Floor
Washington, DC 20530-001
Usms.Foia@usdoj.gov

Due to a substantial backlog of requests, it is estimated the processing of your request may be significantly delayed. I regret the necessity of this, but assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible.

At this time, the USMS is unable to determine the amount of fees to be charged to you (if any). The filing of your request constitutes your agreement to pay all applicable fees that may be charged under the Department of Justice FOIA/PA regulations in excess of \$25.00. You will be notified as soon as practicable if the estimated or actual fee for satisfying your request exceeds \$25.00.

Please be advised that due to necessary operational changes as a result of the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, there may be some delay in the processing of your request.

Lastly, you may contact the USMS FOIA Public Liaison at 703-740-3972 or at the address listed above if you would like to discuss any aspect of your FOIA/PA request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CL', with a horizontal line extending to the right and a vertical stroke at the end.

Charlotte Luckstone
Associate General Counsel
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer
Office of General Counsel