**U.S. Department of Justice** 

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> FOIPA Request No.: 1585410-000 Subject: Hive Ransomware

Dear Jordan Jordan:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to the FBI. Below you will find check boxes and informational paragraphs about your request, as well as specific determinations required by these statutes. Please read each one carefully.

- Your request has been received at FBI Headquarters for processing.
- You submitted your request via the FBI's eFOIPA system.
  - Future correspondence about your FOIPA request will be provided in an email link unless the record file type is not supported by the eFOIPA system.
  - Correspondence for requests regarding living individuals, or containing audio, video, and high resolution photographs cannot be sent through the eFOIPA system. Future correspondence about your FOIPA request will be delivered through standard mail.
- The subject of your request is currently being processed and documents subject to the FOIPA will be released to you upon completion.
- Release of responsive records subject to the FOIPA will be posted to the FBI's electronic FOIA Library (The Vault), http://vault.fbi.gov, and you will be contacted when the release is posted.
- Your request for a public interest fee waiver is under consideration and you will be advised of the decision if fees are applicable. If your fee waiver is not granted, you will be responsible for applicable fees per your designated requester fee category below.
- For the purpose of assessing any fees, we have determined:
  - As a commercial use requester, you will be charged applicable search, review, and duplication fees in accordance with 5 USC 552 (a)(4)(A)(ii)(I).
  - As an educational institution, noncommercial scientific institution or representative of the news media requester, you will be charged applicable duplication fees in accordance with 5 USC § 552 (a)(4)(A)(ii)(II).
  - As a general (all others) requester, you will be charged applicable search and duplication fees in accordance with 5 USC § 552 (a)(4)(A)(ii)(III).

Please check the status of your FOIPA request at <u>www.fbi.gov/foia</u> by clicking on **FOIPA Status** and entering your FOIPA Request Number. Status updates are adjusted weekly. The status of newly assigned requests may not be available until the next weekly update. If the FOIPA has been closed the notice will indicate that appropriate correspondence has been mailed to the address on file.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the <u>www.fbi.gov/foia</u> website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <u>https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal</u>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (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." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at <u>foipaquestions@fbi.gov</u>. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at <u>ogis@nara.gov</u>; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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