



Request Number: 2024-CGFO-01401



Details of Request

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Request Description: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of all records and Electronically Stored Information (ESI) concerning the unauthorized disclosure of confidential records to CNN, and any unauthorized release of records related to CAPT Glenn Sulmasy, USCG (Ret.), or the allegations against him, spanning from January 1, 2010, to the present date. Detailed Record Description: We seek comprehensive ESI and records, including but not limited to emails, memos, reports, logs, investigation files, access records, and communications with media entities, that document or reference:

- The unauthorized disclosure or leak of confidential investigation records to CNN or any third parties.
- Any unauthorized release of records related to CAPT Glenn Sulmasy or the investigations and allegations against him from 2010 forward.
- Any administrative or criminal investigations that were completed regarding the leak of these confidential records.
- Any adverse administrative or military justice actions that were taken against any individual for acts reasonably related to this leak of these confidential records.

Time Frame of Interest: The request covers records from January 1, 2010, to the current date, to encompass all relevant information and incidents related to the unauthorized release of information. Specific Incidents and Allegations: The request is in response to a CNN report dated September 21, 2023

Fee Waiver Requested? : Not Requested

Reason for Fee Waiver: -



(available at <https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/21/us/glenn-sulmasy-coast-guard-investigation-invs/index.html>), which references confidential records obtained by CNN concerning CAPT Glenn Sulmasy. We require all records related to this specific incident of confidential records disclosure and any other unauthorized information disclosures related to CAPT Sulmasy or the allegations against him during the specified period. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, records that pertain to who, what, where, when, or how, the confidential records were leaked or how CNN received copies of the investigation, correspondence and deliberations on the investigation, and evidence, such as the published texts present in the report. Public Interest and Fee Waiver: There is a significant public interest in understanding how sensitive government information, especially concerning legal and disciplinary matters, is managed and protected. We assert that releasing these records will greatly contribute to public understanding of these issues and request a waiver of all associated FOIA processing fees. Response Expectations: We anticipate your compliance with the FOIA's statutory response timeframe of 20 working days. Should you foresee any delays or challenges in fulfilling this request, please provide an estimated completion date. If parts of this request are denied, please cite the specific exemptions under the FOIA that justify this decision and inform us of the available appeal procedures. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt and detailed response. Definitions and Scope: "Electronically Stored Information" (ESI) encompasses information of any kind that is created, stored, manipulated, communicated, and used in digital form, necessitating computer

Expedited Processing?: Not Requested



hardware and software for its access and interpretation. This definition includes a wide array of data types such as text, emails, documents, spreadsheets, databases, presentations, audio and video files, social media content, and digital images. ESI is stored across various digital devices and environments including, but not limited to, desktop and laptop computers, mobile devices, tablets, servers, and cloud storage services. It also covers the metadata associated with such information, which is the data about data, detailing the origins, structure, and characteristics of the digital content, including timestamps, authorship, and file properties.

Government Records Scope: Government records includes all materials produced, received, retained, or under the control of the U.S. Coast Guard, in accordance with federal law and agency policy, regardless of physical form or characteristics as defined in The Federal Records Act (FRA), particularly 44 U.S.C. §§ 3101 and 36 CFR Chapter XII Subchapter B. Format and Treatment of Requested Information: Please provide the information in electronic format, preferably as PDFs or in their native electronic formats, ensuring that metadata is preserved. Any necessary redactions should be limited and clearly justified in the accompanying documentation. Contact and Follow-up: Please direct all communications and responses to this request to Jason Wareham, 720-245-2440 or jwareham@allen-vellone.com. Very truly yours, Allen Vellone Wolf Helfrich & Factor P.C. Jason R. Wareham

Reason for Expedited Processing:

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