

EXHIBIT 15

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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U.S. Immigration
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Enforcement

June 2, 2015

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement seeking all records, including electronic records, in the custody or control of ICE related to the Statistical Monitoring of the Secure Communities Program. Your appeal dated June 1, 2015, was received on June 1, 2015.

The Government Information Law Division acknowledges your appeal request of **2015-ICFO-00080** and is assigning it number **2015-ICAP-00411** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.¹ While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact ICE FOIA at (866) 633-1182, or by email at ice-foia@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DS for".

Debbie Seguin
Chief
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ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

¹ Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.