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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2016-002811  
Request No. 2015-03815  
CDT:PJA

**VIA: FOIAonline**

Dear Ms. Jack:

You attempted to appeal from the failure of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to respond to your Freedom of Information Act request for access to specific contracts with Pepperball Technologies, Inc.

Department of Justice regulations provide for an administrative appeal to the Office of Information Policy only after there has been an adverse determination by a component. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.8(a) (2015). As no adverse determination has yet been made by BOP, there is no action for this Office to consider on appeal.

The FOIA authorizes requesters to file a lawsuit when an agency takes longer than the statutory time period to respond. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(C)(i). However, this Office has contacted BOP and has been advised that your request is being processed. If you are dissatisfied with BOP's final response, you may appeal again to this Office.

This Office has forwarded a copy of your letter to BOP. Please contact BOP's Requester Service Center at (202) 616-7750 for further updates regarding the status of your request.

Sincerely,

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