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December 17, 2015

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Re: ATF's Failure to Respond

Dear Dr. Watkins:

This is to advise you that your administrative appeal from the action of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was received by this Office on December 15, 2015.

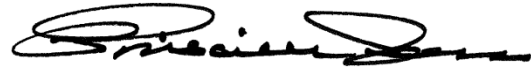
The Office of Information Policy has the responsibility of adjudicating such appeals. In an attempt to afford each appellant equal and impartial treatment, we have adopted a general practice of assigning appeals in the approximate order of receipt. Your appeal has been assigned number **AP-2016-01051**. Please mention this number in any future correspondence to this Office regarding this matter. Please note that if you provide an e-mail address or another electronic means of communication with your request or appeal, this Office may respond to your appeal electronically even if you submitted your appeal to this Office via regular U.S. Mail.

We will notify you of the decision on your appeal as soon as we can. If you have any questions about the status of your appeal, you may contact me at the number above. If you have submitted your appeal through this Office's online electronic appeal portal, you may also obtain an update on the status of your appeal by logging into your portal account. Please note that OIP is in the process of transitioning from its current eFOIA portal to the portal on FOIAonline. Once the transition is complete, you will not be able to access your eFOIA portal account, and you will not be able to obtain any electronic updates on the status of your appeal from the current eFOIA portal. Accordingly, as of February 16, 2016, you can obtain status information on your FOIA appeal by contacting the FOIA Requester Service Center at:

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If you have any eFOIA Portal appeals pending as of February 16, 2016, this Office will provide its response via the email address provided with your request submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Priscilla Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Priscilla Jones
Supervisory Administrative Specialist