

**Subject:** RE: FOIA Appeal 2017-ICAP-00503, 2017-ICFO-40400  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 1:33:05 PM Central Standard Time  
**From:** Arvie, Jamien  
**To:** Zack Kopplin

Hi Zack,

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the ICE FOIA Office and reference the ICE FOIA case number. However, if you wish to challenge the adequacy of the search or any withholdings applied to the records, you may file an appeal. If you would like to submit a new FOIA request, you may submit your request to the ICE FOIA Office.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Zack Kopplin [mailto:[ZackK@whistleblower.org](mailto:ZackK@whistleblower.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 7:09 PM  
**To:** Arvie, Jamien  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Appeal 2017-ICAP-00503, 2017-ICFO-40400

Hey Jamien,

First, I just got the spreadsheet, and I want to make it clear that I really really appreciate that y'all got this to me (and relatively quickly, at least by FOIA standards).

But it is missing a crucial piece of information. Like I had been afraid, the reasons for release when detainees were transferred to another office/agency/detention facility inside the United States, was just limited to "U.S. Marshals or other agency (explain in Detention Comments)," which was not what I was looking for.

What I was requesting was the specific places all these detainees were transferred to, so for example, if they were sent to county jail in Seattle or HIDTA in El Paso, I'd actually be able to see that.

I can send a new FOIA request for this information, based on what I received from ICE today, but I thought it

might be easier for everyone if I worked through y'all for that information on the existing request, rather than create a new one. I assume a lot of the specifics are going to remain U.S. Marshals, so I don't actually think it will be all that work heavy. (Also, I'd be willing to limit that part to strictly post 11/8/16 information, which will cut off several months worth of data.)

Or I can always appeal the final response again.

Thanks,  
Zack

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**From:** "Arvie, Jamien" <[Jamien.Arvie@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Jamien.Arvie@ice.dhs.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 12:14 PM  
**To:** Zack Kopplin <[ZackK@whistleblower.org](mailto:ZackK@whistleblower.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Appeal 2017-ICAP-00503, 2017-ICFO-40400

Hi Zack,

As we discussed, the data header "Reason for Release" is not limited to releases to the U.S. Marshals. Furthermore, as we discussed, the Excel spreadsheet appears to be responsive to your request. Thank you for your cooperation. We will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Zack Kopplin [<mailto:ZackK@whistleblower.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2017 12:03 PM  
**To:** Arvie, Jamien  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Appeal 2017-ICAP-00503, 2017-ICFO-40400

Yep. Thanks for the call.

Two things, that I mentioned on the call, but just wanted to follow up on with the email. According to my understanding the reason for release, when released to the custody of a different law enforcement office

inside the United States, e.g. the BOP, or a local jail, or a task force like the anti-gang task force or HIDTA, is often is listed as "released to U.S. Marshals or other, see detention log," where the detention log contains the specificity on exactly where the detainee was transferred.

I was hoping that category, when it came to those detainees who were released into the custody of other American law enforcement for prosecution or detention related to other charge, would contain the agency and new Area of Responsibility that they were transferred to. Does that make sense?

Also, if it makes it easier for you, I'm happy to trade compiling data on non detainee transfers between US law enforcement, for increasing specificity on those specific transfers and where they ended up, in terms of this request, since that's what I'm trying to drill down on at the moment. If it doesn't reduce your workload to segregate the data, then don't worry about that.

Also, is there any chance I could get a time frame on when y'all plan to fill the request? If the request is already filled, it shouldn't be too hard to redact full columns of names.

Thanks again,  
Zack

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**From:** "Arvie, Jamien" <[Jamien.Arvie@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Jamien.Arvie@ice.dhs.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 11:49 AM  
**To:** Zack Kopplin <[ZackK@whistleblower.org](mailto:ZackK@whistleblower.org)>  
**Subject:** FOIA Appeal 2017-ICAP-00503, 2017-ICFO-40400

Hi Zack,

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday regarding your FOIA request, 2017-ICFO-40400 relating to detention records. In following up, I wanted to recap our discussion.

As I explained, your initial request is overbroad and would require the agency to undertake a search that would be unduly burdensome. However, as I explained, the agency is able to produce an Excel spreadsheet responsive to your request, including data headers such Alien Number, Subject ID, Name, Book-in Area of Responsibility, Detention Facility, Book-in Date, Book-out Date, and Reason for Release. As noted, some of the information contained in the spreadsheet must be withheld pursuant to the applicable FOIA Exemptions. You agreed to this narrowing of your request and to receipt of the Excel spreadsheet as a response to your FOIA request. Thank you for cooperation.

Respectfully,

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