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U.S. Immigration
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Enforcement

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Zack Kopplin
Government Accountability Project
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RE: 2018-ICAP-00154, 2018-ICFO-20005

Dear Mr. Kopplin:

This is in response to your letter, received February 14, 2018, appealing the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office's response to your FOIA request, dated January 5, 2017, seeking "any and all documents, including but not limited to emails, sent by staff ranking GS-15 or above at FOLKSTON PROCESSING CTR/DR JAMES in the Miami Area of Responsibility, concerning a death that took place on 5/4/17 for a detainee who was booked into the facility on 2/6/17..... [and] any and all documents, including, but not limited to emails, sent by staff ranking GS-15 or above at DALLAS F.O. HOLD in the Dallas Area of Responsibility for a detainee who died on 7/11/17, the same day he was booked in."

Your appeal letter challenged the constructive denial of your FOIA request, as ICE FOIA had not responded within the statutory 20 business day timeframe.

After reviewing the administrative record, ICE has determined that a new search(s), or modifications to the existing search(s), could be made. ICE is therefore remanding your appeal to the ICE FOIA Office for processing and re-tasking to the appropriate agency/office(s) to obtain any responsive documents.

Should you have any questions regarding this appeal decision, please contact ICE at ice-foia@dhs.gov. In the subject line of the email please include the word "appeal," your appeal number, which is **2018-ICAP-00154**, and the FOIA case number, which is **2018-ICFO-20005**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Clifford".

Erin Clifford
Chief

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