

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE	)	
1875 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 800	)	
Washington, D.C. 20006,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,	)	
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	)	
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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Civil Case No. 18-1800

**EXHIBIT 7 TO COMPLAINT**

## Ryan Mulvey

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**From:** Delake, Nadege (OIP) <Nadege.Delake@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** James Valvo  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Mr. Valvo,  
The records are still under review and we apologize for the delay.  
Thanks,  
Nadege

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**From:** James Valvo [mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Delake, Nadege (OIP) <NDelake@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Ms. Delake,

May I please have an update on the status of this request. It has now been pending for nearly a year.

Thank You,  
James

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**From:** Delake, Nadege (OIP) [mailto:Nadege.Delake@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** James Valvo <james.valvo@causeofaction.org>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Mr. Valvo,  
Because the records we are reviewing contain information of interest to other entities, we can respond only after consulting with those entities regarding their information. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(c)(1) (2017). We will respond to you again once our consultations are complete and our disclosure determinations have been made.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Delake

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**From:** James Valvo [mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** Delake, Nadege (OIP) <NDelake@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Thank you for the information. Would you be so kind as to share with me, with which other office/agency are you consulting? The request sought records from Ms. Flores non-governmental email account. My understanding is that OIP handles request for the Office of the Attorney General.

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**From:** Delake, Nadege (OIP) [mailto:Nadege.Delake@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:39 AM

**To:** James Valvo <[james.valvo@causeofaction.org](mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org)>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Good morning Mr. Valvo,

Thank you for inquiring into the status of your above-referenced FOIA request. Please be advised that the records are currently under review and will require consultation with other entities.

Sincerely,

Nadege Delake

Sr. Gov't Information Specialist

Office of Information Policy

U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** James Valvo [<mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, December 08, 2017 1:55 PM

**To:** Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <[ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

I have not heard from the other analyst. May I please have his or her contact information?

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**From:** Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) [<mailto:Eric.Hotchkiss@usdoj.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:28 AM

**To:** James Valvo <[james.valvo@causeofaction.org](mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org)>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Good morning James,

I apologize for the delay in responding to this email. Your case has been transferred to another analyst, and I've forwarded your status update request to them.

Thanks,

Eric

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**From:** James Valvo [<mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org>]

**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 1:35 PM

**To:** Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <[ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Hello Eric,

I am emailing to check on the status of this request. I haven't heard anything for several months.

Thanks,

James

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**From:** Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) [<mailto:Eric.Hotchkiss@usdoj.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 2:12 PM

**To:** James Valvo <[james.valvo@causeofaction.org](mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org)>

**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Mr. Valvo,

Our search is still ongoing for that request. You can expect further communication from our Office once our search is complete and any disclosure determinations have been made. Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding the processing of your request.

Thank you,

Eric Hotchkiss  
Government Information Specialist  
Office of Information Policy  
202-616-5456

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**From:** James Valvo [<mailto:james.valvo@causeofaction.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <[ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** FOIA Request DOJ-2017-2843

Mr. Hotchkiss,

I am emailing to check on the status of request no. DOJ-2017-2843. Do you have any updates for me on the processing of this request?

Thank you,

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