



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Criminal Division

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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

**VIA Electronic Mail**

February 12, 2020

Mr. Jason Leopold  
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Request No. CRM-300800192  
Subject: Intelligence Community Criminal  
Referral

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This responds to your status inquiry dated February 3, 2020, concerning your pending Freedom of Information Act request received on September 26, 2019, for records concerning the above-mentioned subject.

Please be advised that your request is being processed on the expedited track and will be completed as soon as practicable. On average, it takes the FOIA/PA Unit 301 days to process a complex request. At this time, your request has been pending for 92 business days. Potentially responsive records have been received and are under review.

You have also requested an estimated date of completion for this request. As stated above, your request has been assigned to the expedited track. At this time, we estimate that this request will be completed within sixty (60) days. Please be advised that this is a preliminary estimate.

Your continued patience is appreciated and we apologize for the delays in the processing of your request. Please feel free to follow up with the FOIA/PA Unit in thirty days if you would like another status update on your request.

Sincerely,

Amanda Marchand Jones  
Chief  
FOIA/PA Unit

Exhibit C