

From: Lucy Kissel
To: "[FOIPAQUESTIONS](#)"
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001
Date: Monday, July 22, 2019 12:09:00 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

Lucy Kissel
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lkissel@thejusticecenter.org

-----Original Message-----

From: FOIPAQUESTIONS <FOIPAQUESTIONS@FBI.GOV>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 8:36 AM
To: Lucy Kissel <LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good Morning,

This is in response to your inquiry regarding a time frame for completion regarding requests for expedited processing. Once expedited processing has been approved, the Record/Information Dissemination Section will process the request "as soon as practicable."

Thank you,

Public Information Officer
Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) FBI-Information Management Division
170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602-4843
Direct: (540) 868-4593
Fax: (540) 868-4391
Questions E-mail: foipaquestions@fbi.gov

Do you have further questions about the FOI/PA process? Visit us at <http://www.fbi.gov/foia>

Please check the status of your request online at <https://vault.fbi.gov/fdps-1/@/@search-fdps> Status updates are performed on a weekly basis.

Note: This is a non-emergency email address. If this is an emergency, please call 911 directly. If you need to report a tip for immediate action, please contact FBI Tips at <http://tips.fbi.gov/> or reach out to your local field office.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy Kissel [<mailto:LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 1:17 PM

To: FOIPAQUESTIONS <FOIPAQUESTIONS@FBI.GOV>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Hi there,

Thank you for your reply.

Do you have an idea of when records will be produced? Your agency granted expedited processing on November 11, 2018 and we agreed to pay the estimated costs on May 6, 2019.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: FOIPAQUESTIONS <FOIPAQUESTIONS@FBI.GOV>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:35 AM
To: Lucy Kissel <LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>
Subject: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Dear Ms. Kissel,

Thank you for contacting foipaquestions@fbi.gov. A new search was conducted in response to this request and additional potentially responsive documents were located.

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy Kissel [<mailto:LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>]
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 11:03 AM
To: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION <FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good morning,

I recently reviewed a letter the FBI sent us dated July 29, 2014, stating that the estimated cost for records pertaining to Gabriel Rhones was \$35 (request number 1272013-000). Can you please tell me why the same records are now estimated to cost \$1,165? Thanks very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy Kissel
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 11:39 AM
To: 'FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION' <FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good afternoon,

Thanks very much for your response.

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-----Original Message-----

From: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION <FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 5:53 AM
To: Lucy Kissel <LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good Morning Ms. Kissel,

Thank you for your email confirmation concerning the scope reduction of this request. We will move forward with processing without reducing the scope of this request.

Any future status inquires please go to foipaquestions@fbi.gov

We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,

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FBI Information Management Division
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540-868-4894

-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy Kissel [<mailto:LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 11:41 AM
To: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION <FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good morning,

Thank you for writing. Based on the information you provided, we do not wish to narrow the scope of the request. We agree to pay the approximately \$1,222.05 in processing fees described in Mr. Hardy's February 22, 2019 letter.

As for the estimated processing time, in Mr. Hardy's November 1, 2018 letter, the FBI approved our request for expedited processing. Therefore, this request should be processed on an expedited basis.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION <FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Lucy Kissel <LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good Morning Ms. Kissel,

We're following up with the email that you sent us last week in regards to your FOIA request 1272013-001 for records concerning Gabriel Rhones. We are just checking to see if you are able to provide a confirmation on scope reduction of this request.

Please let us know if there is an interest in narrowing the scope of this request so we can move forward.

We thank you for your time and attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy Kissel [<mailto:LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 11:42 AM
To: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION <FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV>
Subject: RE: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good morning,

Thank you for this information and for following up. I am going to have a conversation with our organization's director later this week about this request and the negotiations. I will be able to provide a response to you at the end of this week or next week.

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-----Original Message-----

From: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION <FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Lucy Kissel <LKissel@thejusticecenter.org>
Subject: FW: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good Morning Ms. Kissel,

We're following up with the email sent out last week to you with regards to your FOIA request 1272013-001 for records concerning Gabriel Rhones. The original email goes into more detail for our contact with you. Please let us know if you are interested in narrowing the scope of this request please.

We thank you for your time and attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 10:19 AM
To: 'lkissel@thejusticecenter.org' <lkissel@thejusticecenter.org>
Subject: FOIPA # 1272013-001

Good Morning Ms. Kissel,

As noted in this case, you have been in contact with The Public Information Officer for records concerning Gabriel Rhones. You indicated that you wanted to learn more about the contents of the potentially responsive (audio/video) media that was located. After reviewing the potential responsive media it appears that it is audio and video recording within a jail, but of course there are no signs or identification of the particular jail. The recordings that include third parties aren't releasable that information within the media will be protected with appropriate FOIA exemptions.

Furthermore, the FBI located approximately 1,582 pages that are potentially responsive to this request. Requests are processed in the order in which they are received through our multi-track processing system, and the FBI receives a voluminous amount of requests on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis. Requests are divided into two primary tracks--simple (under 50 pages of potentially responsive documents) and complex (over 50 pages of potentially responsive documents). Complex requests are further divided into medium (51-950 pages), large (951-8000 pages), and extra-large (over 8000 pages) sub-tracks based upon request size.

Simple track requests typically require the least amount of time to process. The more potentially responsive pages a request has, the more complex it becomes, greatly increasing the time required for processing. Generally, the larger the file, the longer it takes to process. A review of your request determined that it is currently in the complex request large processing track. Given our current workload and staffing levels, it may yet be a long time before you begin to receive material from this request.

Reducing the scope of your request may accelerate the processing and allow for a more timely receipt of the information you seek, as it could potentially place your request into a smaller, faster processing track. Would you be willing to consider reducing the scope of your request? If so, we would be happy to help you to decide the best approach to take. If you are looking for something specific, we could approach the scope reduction process in that way.

The current average time to complete a large track request is approximately 56 months.

Please let us know if you would like to potentially reduce the scope of your request. If you reduce the size, you can request the additional records with a new FOIA request upon completion of this one.

We can be reached via email at fbi.foipa.negotiation@fbi.gov, or you may call 540-868-4894. We appreciate your patience and hope to hear from you soon.

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