



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL

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Mr. Jerry T. Blackburn  
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RE: FOIA 411-2000

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

This is in further reference to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts request for access to certain records in the custody of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service concerning your wife, Denise P. Blackburn. Your request has been processed in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

The material you have requested is exempt from mandatory disclosure since it consists of investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes. Therefore, the material in question is being withheld from disclosure pursuant to title 5, United States Code, section 552(b)(7)(A), where release of information at this time could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

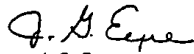
After the investigation has been closed, you may renew your request for records at that time. You are advised, however, that once the case is closed, the record material in question may be exempt from disclosure, in whole or in part, based on other FOIA exemptions. These exemptions include: section 552(b)(2), which concerns records related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency; section 552(b)(3), which concerns records specifically exempt from release by statute; section 552(b)(4), which exempts trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential; section 552(b)(5), which exempts inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the U.S. Postal Service; section 552(b)(6), where release of personnel and similar files would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; section 552(b)(7)(C), where disclosure could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source and confidential information furnished by that source; section 552(b)(7)(D), which exempts information that could

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reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source and confidential information furnished by that source; section 552(b)(7)(E), where disclosure would reveal techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions; and section 552(b)(7)(F), where disclosure could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.

As provided in title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, part 265, you have a right to appeal this decision. A copy of the appeal procedure is enclosed.

Sincerely,



J. G. Eyre  
Information Disclosure Specialist

Enclosure