



OFFICE of GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

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Re: Case No. 201400588
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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in further response to your June 5, 2014 request for assistance to the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, No. [REDACTED], to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and subsequent appeal, No. AP-[REDACTED] to the Department of Justice's Office of Information (OIP). You requested access to documents pertaining to "a complete listing of [REDACTED] that have been approved to submit fingerprints to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division for [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]." I apologize for the delay in responding to your request. Until recently we were short staffed and not responding to requests as quickly as we would like.

Congress created OGIS to complement existing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

Despite OGIS's best efforts at facilitating a resolution to this dispute, this matter is now in litigation in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in a case captioned [REDACTED], Civil Action No. [REDACTED]. For this reason, OGIS, which provides mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation is no longer involved in this case, 5 U.S.C. § 552(h)(1)-(3).

Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

Nikki Gramian, Acting Director
Office of Government Information Services

cc: Dennis J. Argall, FOIA Public Liaison, Federal Bureau of Investigation, via email

We appreciate your feedback. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGIS> to take a brief anonymous survey on the service you received from OGIS.

