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Re: FOIA/PA #22-322

Dear Mr. Zadrozny:

This is in reference to your attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 16, 2022.

You also requested expedited processing of your request. You requested expedited treatment pursuant to the fourth standard enumerated in the Department of Justice's regulations. Expedited treatment pursuant to the first standard will be granted where not doing so "could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(I). See also 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(i) (2019). Under the second standard, you must show that there is "[a]n urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged Federal Government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(II). See also 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(ii) (2019). Under the third standard, you must show that the request involves "[t]he loss of substantial due process rights." 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(iii) (2019). Under the fourth standard, you must show that the subject matter of your request is a "matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence." Id. at § 16.5(e)(1)(iv). This Office makes determinations regarding the first three standards, while the Department's Director of Public Affairs makes determinations regarding the fourth standard. See id. at § 16.5(e)(2).

The fourth standard requires you must show that the subject matter of your request is a "matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence." Id. at § 16.5(e)(1)(iv).

Based on the information you have provided it has determined that you have satisfied the requirement under the fourth standard and thereby your request for expedited processing has been granted.

Please be advised that, your request has been assigned to a Government Information Specialist on the DOJ's National Security Division Records and FOIA staff and a further update regarding your request will be provided to you as soon as practicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arnetta Mallory". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Arnetta Mallory
Government Information Specialist