



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

March 27, 2024

MR. KEVIN RIFORD
3038 MICHAEL DRIVE
NORTH TONAWANDA, NY 14120

FOIPA Request No.: [REDACTED]
Subject: RIFORD, KEVIN

Dear Mr. Riford

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. The FBI has located approximately 642 pages of potentially responsive documents. 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 (51-500 pages), large (501-4,999 pages), and extra-large (over 5,000 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 it is currently in the large track. Given the passage of time and a potential change in circumstance, this communication is to inquire if you are still interested in having the above mentioned FOIPA request processed. Please contact my representative at 540-868-4593 or fbi.foipa.negotiation@fbi.gov to confirm your interest in receiving this material, or if you would like to reduce to a smaller processing track. **If a response is not received within 30 days of the date of this letter, your request will be administratively closed.**

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of this response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, *both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."* Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief

Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Nov 22, 2024, 10:52 PM

Additional Information

This request is for any and all records at any and all FBI offices, including HQ, field offices, legal attaches, and facilities that maintain records under the FBI's control.

Please search for any and all records concerning myself, including but not limited to the following:

- a) main file and main file equivalents, including all administrative and appendix pages.
- b) see references. For each see reference, please release all pages of any see reference, including all administrative and appendix pages.
- c) Do Note File records
- d) channelized records
- e) search records, including search records of any kind used to process this request
- f) ELSUR records
- g) index cards
- h) records that are or were maintained in SAC safes
- i) bulky exhibits
- j) abstract records

Please understand that I am requesting any and all records concerning myself in any way, including but not limited to those listed in the General Index and any and all other indexes.

I want all records identifiable with my request, even though reports based on those records may have been sent to FBI headquarters or other FBI offices, and even though there may be duplication between sets of files.

Please produce all records with their administrative markings intact, and all reports, memos and documents to include any and all administrative pages.

In excising material, please black out rather than white out or cut out

...

F

FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV

...

To: Kevin Riford

Tue 4/30/2024 7:22 AM

Good morning Mr. Riford,

Thank you for letting us know; we'll continue processing your request as-is in the large track.

Best regards,

Negotiation Team

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Fbi.foipa.negotiation@fbi.gov

Status Checks: <https://vault.fbi.gov/fdps-1/@@search-fdps> | foipaquestions@fbi.gov

For additional information, please visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website.

...

TO: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV

Tue 4/30/2024 1:47 PM

Good Afternoon FBI,

Thank you for continuing to process my request. For reference, how many days or years has my request (FOIPA) been open for? The request was submitted in the year 2019, correct?

Kevin Riford
3038 Michael Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

...

FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV

...

F

To: Kevin Riford

Wed 5/1/2024 12:07 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Riford,

This request was received June 8, 2020.

Best regards,

Negotiation Team
Federal Bureau of Investigation

For additional information, please visit
the www.fbi.gov/foia website.

...



Kevin Riford

...

To: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV

Wed 5/1/2024 1:32 PM

Good Afternoon FBI,

On April 29, 2024 you stated "At approximately 642 pages, your request is in the large track (501-4999 pages). Requests in this track currently average approximately 67 months to complete". If my request was received by the FBI on June 8, 2020, my request has been open for 1,421 days (3.89 years/47 months). I look forward to receiving my records in approximately 20 months. Thank you for continuing to process my request. I appreciate it.

Kevin Riford
3038 Michael Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

...



Kevin Riford

...

To: FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV

Mon 4/29/2024 4:15 PM

Dear FBI,

I am in receipt of your email response dated April 29, 2024. I am again confirming that I am still interested in the records and request that the records continue to be processed. As of today's date, your estimate is 642 pages. I will not narrow my request. I look forward to receiving the records when complete.

Best Wishes,

Kevin Riford
3038 Michael Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

...

FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATIO

Tue 4/30/2024 7:22 AM

F

FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV

...

To: Kevin Riford

Mon 4/29/2024 8:54 AM

Good morning Mr. Riford,

Thank you for your email. We'll continue with your request. It's still waiting to be assigned to an analyst for processing, so we also wanted to know if you would be willing possibly to narrow the scope to possibly move it to a smaller, faster processing track. At approximately 642 pages, your request is in the large track (501-4999 pages). Requests in this track currently average approximately 67 months to complete. By comparison, requests in the simple track (up to 50 pages) currently average approximately 4 months to complete. Might you be willing to narrow the request to place it in the simple track?

Best regards,

Negotiation Team

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Fbi.foipa.negotiation@fbi.gov

Status Checks: <https://vault.fbi.gov/fdps-1/@@search-fdps> | foipaquestions@fbi.gov

For additional information, please visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website.



FBI.FOIPA.NEGOTIATION@FBI.GOV

...

To: Kevin Riford

Mon 4/29/2024 8:54 AM

Good morning Mr. Riford,

Thank you for your email. We'll continue with your request. It's still waiting to be assigned to an analyst for processing, so we also wanted to know if you would be willing possibly to narrow the scope to possibly move it to a smaller, faster processing track. At approximately 642 pages, your request is in the large track (501-4999 pages). Requests in this track currently average approximately 67 months to complete. By comparison, requests in the simple track (up to 50 pages) currently average approximately 4 months to complete. Might you be willing to narrow the request to place it in the simple track?

Best regards,

Negotiation Team
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Fbi.foipa.negotiation@fbi.gov

Status Checks: <https://vault.fbi.gov/fdps-1/@@search-fdps> | foipaquestions@fbi.gov
For additional information, please visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website.