

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All DEA records mentioning John Franzese, alias "Sonny," a member of the Profaci/Colombo organized crime family of Cosa Nostra. To assist in finding records, the following biographical information is known: date of birth, February 6, 1917; date of death February 23, 2020; US Bureau of Prisons listed Register Number is 70022-158.

The death of John Franzese was widely reported; additionally, Franzese was born over 100 years ago. While not necessary, a copy of Franzese's obituary as appeared in the NY Times is attached as a courtesy and to establish that privacy concerns are diminished viz. FOIA Exemption 6, 7(C) as well as the Privacy Act.

Please conduct a search of all DEA systems of records for both main-file records and cross-reference records for all relevant names, agencies and companies. Records of interest are all Investigative Filing and Reporting System records that can be found using the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Information System. In addition, due to Franzese's longevity, I request a search of the any available legacy records from the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, including any dossiers or debriefings mentioning John Franzese personally.

If any potentially responsive records have been destroyed and/or transferred to NARA, then I request copies of the destruction or transfer slips as well as any other documentation relating to, mentioning or describing said transfer or destruction, to include but

not be limited to confirmation that DEA has no other copies of said records.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

T. McElwee