

To Whom It May Concern:

You are receiving this correspondence as a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. subsection 552. I am requesting the following:

All records, documents, and communications responsive to Eugene Robert Brown aka Eugene R. Brown (September 4, 1940 - March 12, 2011). Mr. Brown was a cub reporter for the Anaheim Bulletin and editor of the Orange County True Press. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) considered Mr. Brown a suspect in a series of planned bombings in the summer of 1971, along with Jerry Lynn Davis (aka Sam Davis), a member of the San Diego chapter of paramilitary group the Minutemen. FBI internal documents released as part of a Senate inquiry into a Minutemen splinter group, the Secret Army Organization, reveal that in June 1971 Mr. Brown and Mr. Davis planned bombings targeting government buildings. Neither Mr. Brown nor Mr. Davis were ever arrested in connection to these planned bombings or any that may have been carried out later. I have attached a copy of one such FBI memorandum as verification of all statements made herein.

I am requesting all documents in the Bureau's possession responsive to Eugene Robert Brown, Eugene R. Brown, or Eugene Brown. This request is not time restricted. There is no expectation of a violation of Mr. Brown's privacy as he passed away in 2011. I have attached an obituary from the funeral home Mr. Brown was interred at. For expediency's sake, I am also including a link to Mr. Brown obituary: <https://www.coffeltfuneral.com/obituary/1102108>

I am asking you waive any fees associated with this request. I am a member of the news media, with bylines including CovertAction Magazine, Philly Voice, and Atlas Obscura. Please take note of the Office of Management and Budget guidelines published March 27, 1987 (52 FR 10012) that include electronic publications and other nontraditional publishers as representatives of the news media.

This request is not being made for commercial purposes. All documents will be provided to the general public without charge.

In the event that there are fees, I am willing to pay up to \$100. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as the statute requires. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Sincerely,

Robert Skvarla, Jr.