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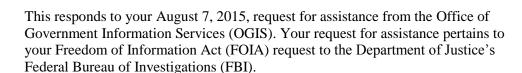
Re: Case No.: 201501060

JH: NG: KG

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As you are aware, Congress created OGIS to complement existing 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.

You contacted OGIS regarding your request to FBI for records "
"In your correspondence
to OGIS you discussed how you knew the subject of your request was listed on the
FBI's "Updated Dead List," which was released previously under the FOIA and
posted online.
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On the FBI responded to your request stating the agency searched the
Central Records System but did not identify responsive records. On
appealed this determination, and cited in your appeal additional information which
could aid the agency to search for records, including investigators names and case
numbers. On the Department of Justice's Office of Information Policy
(OIP) affirmed the FBI's action on your request.

OGIS contacted OIP to discuss your appeal and asked if the additional information you supplied in your appeal was searched. An OIP attorney explained that additional information provided on appeal is always taken into consideration, because there are times where the information that is presented by the requester can point to different areas/divisions which could be searched. However, additional information does not always help because of the way the FBI indexes its records. The FBI's records system is indexed to better solve crimes and not to, for example, search for a



Dr. James Holzer, Director Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

August 26, 2015

Sincerely,

/s/

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