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Re: Case No.: 201600322
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on December 21, 2015 via U.S. mail. Thank you for your interest in OGIS.

As you are aware, Congress created OGIS to complement existing Freedom of Information Act (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 wrote in response to OGIS's November 17, 2015 letter to you; in that correspondence, OGIS explained that bonding information is generally posted with the Clerk of the Court in the district in which the prosecution occurs. You assert that the Department of Justice has the information you seek and ask for OGIS's assistance with this matter.

We understand that you were convicted in a state court [REDACTED]. Because you were not convicted in a Federal court, the clerk of the Federal court will not have information about your prosecution, including bonding information. You must request any information related to your bonds from the Clerk of the court in the district in which you were prosecuted. It is unclear what you mean by the Department of Justice "purchasing" [REDACTED] County's judgment.



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As a courtesy to you, we have enclosed information from the Minnesota Judicial Branch website and the section of the U.S. Attorney's manual describing Federal bonds. At this time, there is no further assistance OGIS can offer. Thank you for bringing this matter to OGIS. We will close your case.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAMES V.M.L. HOLZER

Director

Enclosures