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VIA EMAIL  
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Sherman Startz  
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Bremerton, WA, 98310

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. ATFY25-403

Dear Mr. Startz:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request dated April 19, 2025, and received in this Office on April 21, 2025, in which you requested access to any Department of Justice records referencing OSC cases DI-23-000198 and MA-23-000527, involving yourself, Sherman Shelby Startz, to include communications between DOJ and OSC. We assigned your request tracking number ATFY25-403. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence concerning your request.

You have requested records pertaining to yourself. Therefore, you will need to verify your identity as required by Department regulation 28 C.F.R. § 16.41(d). Specifically, if you would like this Office to process your request and search for responsive records in this Office, you will need to either (1) return a completed Certification of Identity form to this Office, or (2) provide a statement notarized or under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, indicating your full name, place of birth, date of birth, and current address. A Certification of Identity form is available online at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/doj-reference-guide-attachment-d-copies-forms>.

Additionally, your information, the FOIA operation of the federal government is decentralized, and each federal agency maintains and processes FOIA requests for its own records. Accordingly, you will need to direct your request to the federal agency or agencies you believe have records pertaining to the subject of your request. Additional information regarding all agencies' administration of the FOIA, including their contact information and online request forms, if applicable, is available at [www.FOIA.gov](http://www.FOIA.gov). Because you are seeking records pertaining to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), you might wish to direct your request to OSC at the following email address [FOIARequest@osc.gov](mailto:FOIARequest@osc.gov).

Please note that if we do not hear from you within ten business days from the date of this letter, we will conclude that you are no longer interested in pursuing your request and we will administratively close it.

If you are not satisfied with the Antitrust Division's determination in response to this request,<sup>1</sup> 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 90 days of the date of my 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." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

You may contact Tonya Kirksey, FOIA Public Liaison, at [antitrust.foia@usdoj.gov](mailto:antitrust.foia@usdoj.gov) for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services ("OGIS") at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

FOIA/Privacy Act Unit  
Antitrust Division

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<sup>1</sup> For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.