



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Division, FOIA and Privacy Office
Room 8314
1100 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20530

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Sherman Startz
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Request No. 145-FOI-21699

Dear Sherman Startz:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated and received in this office on March 30, 2025, in which you requested records concerning any notification made regarding the reasonable accommodation request that you indicated you made while employed by the US Army as a civilian on Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks Alaska, made 4-2022 to the EAP Michael Patton on Fort Wainwright.

It appears that the matter you describe is not connected to the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, but rather would be connected to another federal agency. For 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. Based on the documentation you provided, it looks like the DoD Hotline recommended that you direct your FOIA request to the Army Inspector General, Army Criminal Investigation Division, and the DOD Office of the Inspector General. You might wish to direct your FOIA request to those offices.

Accordingly, we have not processed your request and will close your file in our Office.

If you have any questions, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison by telephone at 202-514-2319 or you may write to civil.routing.foia@usdoj.gov or to the FOIA and Privacy Office, Civil Division, Department of Justice, Room 8314, 1100 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20530. 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, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Civil Division's determination in response to this request, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Flannigan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Flannigan
Chief, FOIA and Privacy Office