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## Startz Acknowledgement in FOIA Request #FOIA-2025-186

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Re: Freedom of Information Act and/or Privacy Act Request FOIA-2025-186

Dear Mr. Startz:

This letter acknowledges that the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and/or Privacy Act (PA) request on April 21, 2025. We understand your request to be "To: FOIA Officer U.S. Office of Special Counsel Subject: FOIA Request – Full Case File for DI-23-000198 and MA-23-000527 Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request copies of the full administrative case files for DI-23-000198 and MA-23-000527, filed by Sherman Shelby Startz. This request includes: - All internal OSC notes, summaries, and communications - Correspondence with Mr. Startz and the Army - Any referrals or coordination with other federal agencies - Closure memos, legal analysis, or determinations Please provide a Vaughn Index for any materials withheld under FOIA exemptions. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2022 To 04/19/2025)." Your request has been assigned tracking number FOIA-2025-186. Please refer to this tracking number in future communications with OSC regarding this request. OSC generally processes requests in the order in which they were received.

Since you are seeking records contained in a Privacy Act system of records about an individual (self), we will need to receive a copy of an ID as proof of identity by April 28th before we can access records. A driver's license or similar form of identification will suffice. You may attach it in a "Reply" to this email, or you may fax it to my attention at (202) 254-3711.

If you have any questions, would otherwise like to discuss your request, or you require dispute resolution services, please feel free to contact Barbara Wheeler Jones, OSC's Chief FOIA Officer and FOIA Public Liaison, at [bwheeler@osc.gov](mailto:bwheeler@osc.gov) or at (202) 804-7000. Please reference the above-noted tracking number if you call or write. 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.

Thank you,

/s/

Jennifer Wheeler  
FOIA Team  
Office of the Clerk

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You can reach OGIS by mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD, 20740-6001; by email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); by fax at 202-741-5769; or by telephone at 202-741-5770 or toll-free at 1-877-684-6448.