



U.S. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

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April 25, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL (shelbystartz@outlook.com)

Mr. Sherman Shelby Startz
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RE: FOIA and Privacy Act Request, MSPB Tracking No.: MSPB-2025-00140

Dear Mr. Startz:

This letter acknowledges your request to the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) for records, dated April 21, 2025 and received April 22, 2025. In your request, you state the following:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request a copy of all records and correspondence associated with the initial complaint filed by Mr. Sherman Shelby Startz with the Oakland MSPB Regional Office around August 1, 2022. This includes:

Office of Special Council Case Numbers
Final Determination on DI-23-000198
Preliminary Determination on MA-23-000527
Merit System Protection Board Cases
SF-315H-22-0532-I-1
SF-1221-23-0258-W-1

Department of Defense Hotline / Department of Army Office of Inspector General
20230213-083550

- Any documents or filings submitted by Mr. Startz
- All email and case tracking communications involving MSPB staff
- Notes, case numbers, or assessments connected to his early filing
- Any internal routing, referrals, or communications with OSC, Army, or DOD officials regarding the filing

Please include a Vaughn Index for any materials withheld under exemptions.

Sincerely,

(Date Range for Record Search: From 01/31/2022 To 01/17/2025)

Your request has been assigned tracking number MSPB-2025-00140 and will be processed pursuant to both the Privacy Act of 1974 (Privacy Act) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Because a portion of the records you request are maintained in an MSPB system of records protected by the Privacy Act, your request will be processed under the Privacy Act and we must verify your identity before we may move forward to process your request. Please verify your identity by providing the following information.

- Your address at the time of filing of your MSPB matter;
- Your current address; and
- Your phone number submitted at the time of filing of your MSPB matter.

The above must be 1) certified by a notary public, or 2) declared under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S. Code § 1746. Please note that we discourage the submission of documents, such as utility bills, medical records, and other personal information, to establish the information that is requested. Rather, please list out the requested information and have it notarized or provide the declaration language below.

If you choose to declare under penalty of perjury, then please include the following after the information requested above: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)". Please note that we need a live (actual) signature.

You may scan and send the documentation by email, fax, or mail, using any one of the addresses contained in the header of this letter. To expedite processing, you might wish to email the information to us. We have provided a sample verification of identity for you below; however, we do not require the information in any specific format.

Sincerely,

//signed//

Aliyah Young
Government Information Specialist
Merit Systems Protection Board