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David Medeiros

Re: Appeal No. A-2025-00307
Request No. NFP-166685

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VIA: Online Portal - 12/16/2024

Dear David Medeiros:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for access to various records concerning bills, amendments, resolutions, public records, and correspondence related to the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. I note that your appeal concerns the FBI's determination that your request was not reasonably described because it does not fall under the purview of the FOIA.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming, on partly modified grounds, the FBI's action on your request. The FBI does not maintain records such as those that you described. Please be advised that the Department of Justice has a decentralized system for processing FOIA requests, and each component maintains and handles FOIA requests for its own records. The records you seek are likely to be maintained by state or local authorities or other federal agencies. For your information, the federal FOIA applies only to records maintained by federal agencies that are subject to the FOIA. Records that are maintained by state or local authorities are subject only to any records access laws that might be applicable to those states and localities. Accordingly, if you have not already done so, I suggest that you make a request for such records to the proper state or local authority in accordance with the appropriate state or local records access law. Additionally, if you have not already done so, you may wish to make a request directly to the proper federal agency or DOJ component. I trust that this information will be of some assistance to you as you attempt to locate these records.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. 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; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll-free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office and speak with the undersigned agency official by calling 202-514-3642.

Sincerely,

X Rianna Barrett

Rianna Barrett,
Associate Chief, for Christina Troiani, Chief,
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