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FOIPA Request No.: NFP-1700663
Subject: 3 Composite Sketches of the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer
(Originating Criminal Case and Creator of the Sketches)

Dear Robert Neville:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Below you will find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

The FOIPA requires agencies to provide access to reasonably described, nonexempt records [Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(a)(3)(A)]. The information requested in the referenced letter is not considered a FOIPA request because it does not comply with the FOIPA and its regulations. Therefore, your request is being administratively closed for one or more of the following reasons:

☑ The FOIPA does not require federal agencies to answer inquiries, create records, conduct research, or draw conclusions concerning queried data.

☐ Your request is too vague as it does not comply with the requirements of 28 CFR § 16.3(b). Your request lacks specificity; and therefore, the FBI cannot reasonably locate records with a "reasonable amount of effort."

☐ Your request is overly broad as it contains an overly long, indefinite, no date range or specific identifiers, and/or uses unexplained or unidentified terms and acronyms. Your request does not provide sufficient details to enable FBI personnel to locate potentially responsive records with a "reasonable amount of effort;" and therefore, we were unable to conduct a search of the Central Records System as your request does not comply with the requirements of 28 CFR § 16.3(b).

☐ Your request seeks information that does not fall under the purview of the FOIPA. The information requested in the referenced letter is not considered a FOIPA request because it does not comply with the requirements of 28 CFR § 16.3(b).

Examples of specific information which could assist in locating potentially responsive records within a reasonable amount of effort are as follows:

- Individuals
  - Complete name
  - Birth date
  - Place of birth
  - Place of death
  - Date of death
  - Date and location of incident
- Organizations or Events
  - Date of event
  - Time frame
  - Location

For questions on how to reasonably describe your request, please email us at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request. Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia.

If you are not satisfied with the FBI's determination in response to this request, you may proceed under any or all of the following options:

- You may seek dispute resolution services through the FBI directly by emailing our FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

- You may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), who serves as the federal FOIA Ombudsman. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, 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.

- You may file an administrative 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. **Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.8(a), your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of this 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." Please reference the FOIPA Request Number listed above in your correspondence so it may be easily identified. If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

Note: Utilizing the FBI's dispute resolution services or requesting mediation through OGIS does not toll the ninety (90) day limit to file a timely appeal with OIP.

Sincerely,

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