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Request Information

On November 10, 2022 former President Donald J. Trump issued a statement declaring that in 2018, the Department of Justice (including the FBI) was directed to investigate "ballot theft" that was occurring in the 2018 Florida Gubernatorial Election (documentation attached).

This request is for all documents pertaining to FBI investigation(s) of the 2018 general election in the State of Florida.

This includes, but should not be limited to:

- Reports or memoranda during the period of 11/06/2018 to 11/20/2018 regarding an investigation of the ongoing ballot recount
- Directives issued by DOJ leadership to the FBI regarding the 2018 general election in Florida

Expedite

Expedite Reason

This request should be expedited under the fourth standard: "... widespread and exceptional media interest and the information sought involves possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence"

Former President Donald J. Trump claims that the 2018 Florida general election was affected by election tampering and that the FBI was ordered to investigate it. This information has never been reported and raises extremely pressing questions about the FBI's secret involvement in legislative elections, especially at the state level.

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Please be advised that efoia@subscriptions.fbi.gov is a no-reply email address. Questions regarding your FOIA request may be directed to foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you have received a FOIPA request number, please include this in all correspondence concerning your request. Please note eFOIPA requests are processed in the order that they are received. If you have not received a FOIPA request number, your request is in the process of being opened at which time it will be assigned a FOIPA request number and correspondence will be forthcoming.

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Upon receipt of your FOIPA request number, you may check the status of your FOIPA request on the FBI's electronic FOIA Library (The Vault) on the FBI's public website, <http://vault.fbi.gov> by clicking on the "Check Status of Your FOI/PA Request" link. Status updates are performed on a weekly basis. If you receive a comment that your FOIPA request number was not located in the database, please check back at a later date.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

February 7, 2023

MR. BRANDON G. HACHA

MADISON, WI 53703

FOIPA Request No.: 1573578-000
Subject: Broward County, Florida 2018
Election
(On or After October 1, 2018)

Dear Mr. Hacha:

This is in reference to your letter directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in which you requested expedited processing for the above-referenced Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Pursuant to the Department of Justice (DOJ) standards permitting expedition, expedited processing can only be granted when it is determined that a FOIPA request involves one or more of the below categories.

You have requested expedited processing according to:

- ☐ 28 C.F.R. §16.5 (e)(1)(i): "Circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual."
- ☐ 28 C.F.R. §16.5 (e)(1)(ii): "An urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information."
- ☐ 28 C.F.R. §16.5 (e)(1)(iii): "The loss of substantial due process of rights."
- ☒ 28 C.F.R. §16.5 (e)(1)(iv): "A matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence."

You have provided enough information concerning the statutory requirements permitting expedition; therefore, your request is approved.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation'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 ninety (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." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's 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 also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

March 6, 2023

BRANDON G. HACHA

MADISON, WI 53703

Request No.: 1573578-000
Subject: Broward County, Florida 2018
Election
(On or After October 1, 2018)

Dear Brandon Hacha:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. However, we were unable to identify records subject to the FOIPA that are responsive to your request. Therefore, your request is being closed. If you have additional information pertaining to the subject of your request, please submit a new request providing the details, and we will conduct an additional search. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information that may be specific to your request. Only checked boxes contain corresponding paragraphs relevant to your request. If no boxes are checked, the corresponding information does not apply.

- ☐ Please be advised that your request was reopened based on the additional information you provided. A new search was conducted, and we were unable to identify records subject to the FOIPA that are responsive to your request.
- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10. Please be advised that the General Records Schedule (GRS) disposition authority for FOIPA records is DAA-GRS-2016-0002-0001 (GRS 4.2, Item 020).
- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001
- ☐ Potentially responsive records were identified during the search. However, we were advised that they were not in their expected locations. An additional search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results. Since we were unable to review the records, we were unable to determine if they were responsive to your request.
- ☐ The identification records requested are maintained by the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division; therefore, we have forwarded a portion of your request to CJIS for processing. To check the status of this request, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590. For additional information, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

- Requests for expedited processing are not applicable when a final response is issued within ten calendar days.
- Police departments should be aware that the search conducted was limited to FBI records. Requests for criminal history records or rap sheets should be directed to Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS). Information regarding CJIS is listed in the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.
- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Personnel Records Center - Civilian Personnel Records (NPRC-CPR). In order to obtain information on a file located at the NPRC, your request must be mailed to the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
ATTN: Archival Programs
P.O. Box 38757
St. Louis, MO 63138

- You also requested information regarding one or more third parties. Please be advised the FBI will neither confirm nor deny the existence of such records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). The mere acknowledgement of the existence of FBI records on third party individuals could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This is our standard response to such requests and should not be taken to mean that records do, or do not, exist.


Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

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Enclosures