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Requester: Catherine Crump Request Number: 07-4135

Subject of Request: Mobile Phone Tracking (Items 3-5)/FLS

Dear Requester:

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This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act request. This letter constitutes a final reply from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys ("EOUSA") in this request. To provide you the greatest degree of access authorized by the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act, we have considered your request in light of the provisions of both statutes. The records you seek are located in a Privacy Act system of records that, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Attorney General, is exempt from the access provisions of the Privacy Act, 28 C.F.R. § 16.81. We have also processed your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The United States Attorneys Office for the Southern District of Florida ("USAO FLS") has completed a search for information responsive to your request, the terms of which are outlined in Defendant's Scheduling Report. The Court approved the search criteria contained in the Defendant's Scheduling Report on November 20, 2008. The results of that search found that with regard to item number four (4) of your request, the USAO FLS did not locate a compilation showing the number of times the government has applied for a court order based on less than probable cause, authorizing it to obtain mobile phone location information. However, after canvassing the Criminal Division Assistant U.S. Attorneys, the USAO FLS identified fifty-seven (57) cases (some with multiple defendants), on or after September 12, 2001, in which the Court granted the government's application to permit it to obtain mobile phone location information without making a judicial finding of probable cause. This search also found that six (6) applications were granted after November 16, 2007, to permit the government to obtain GPS or similarly precise location data on target cell phones without a judicial determination of probable cause. Certain of the identified cases are subject to court seals that prohibit disclosure. With regard to item number five (5) of your request, the EOUSA is withholding in its entirety all of the responsive information identified as a result of the search conducted by the USAO FLS. The exemption(s) cited for withholding this information are marked below. The USAO FLS found no records responsive to item number three (3) of your request.


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Although I am aware that this request is the subject of ongoing litigation and that appeals are not ordinarily acted on in such situations, I am required by statute and regulation to inform you that if you consider my response to be a denial of your request, you have the right to file an administrative appeal by writing within 60 days from the date of this letter to the **Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William G. Stewart II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

William G. Stewart II
Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)