



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
FOIA and Privacy Act Unit  
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Case Number: 20-00619-F

Subject: All records reflecting any order, directive, guidance, or memorandum describing any strategy by which deployments associated with Operation Legend will reduce violent crime in targeted cities (July 1, 2020 - Date of Search) (MULTI-20-1978-1986)

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Dear Austin Evers:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 5, 2020, addressed to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), FOIA/PA Unit, seeking access to DEA records pertaining to the above subject.

After reviewing your request, we conducted a search for responsive records pertaining to the above subject. To search for responsive records, we queried the DEA Operations Division. As a result of our query, we are unable to locate any records responsive to your request.

The rules and regulations of the DEA applicable to FOIA/PA requests are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Part 16, as amended. They are published in the Federal Register available to the public (see <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-16>).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at (571) 776-2300 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. 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; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with DEA'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 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."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact FOIA/PA Unit representative Joshua L. Delo on (571) 776-2866 or via e-mail at [Joshua.L.Delo@dea.gov](mailto:Joshua.L.Delo@dea.gov).

Sincerely,

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