



**U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons**

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May 28, 2020

Austin Evers
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FOIA Request Number: 2019-02979, 2019-02980 & 2019-02982

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

In response to your request, staff located 4 pages of responsive records, which were forwarded to this office for a release determination. After careful review, we determined 3 pages are appropriate for release in full and 1 page is appropriate for release in part. Copies of releasable records are attached.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, records were redacted or withheld in full from disclosure to you under the following exemptions:

(b)(6)
(b)(7)(C).

An explanation of the FOIA exemptions is attached.

As you are aware, because of the complexity of your requests, the amount of time required to process your requests in their entirety has increased. In an effort to be as responsive to your requests as possible, we are processing the records currently available and will supplement the release as more records become available. Once the final set of records is provided to you, you will receive appeal rights that apply to the entire release, regardless of when the date you receive the records.

Sincerely,

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

Enclosure: 4 pages

Explanation of FOIA Exemptions Used by the Federal Bureau of Prisons

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) protects classified information.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) concerns matters related solely to internal agency personnel rules or practices.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) concerns matters specifically exempted from release by statute.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) concerns trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and/or the attorney-client privilege.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(B) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identities of confidential sources and information furnished by such sources.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(F) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or personal safety of an individual.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(8) concerns matters that are "contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions."

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(9) concerns geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Metropolitan Detention Center

Brooklyn, New York 11232

February 2, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR INMATE POPULATION

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From: M. King, Associate Warden (C)

Subject: MDC Brooklyn's Update - Power Outage

In an effort to provide you an update on MDC Brooklyn's power outage, the below information is an update on the status:

- On Sunday, January 27, 2019, there was a fire which caused power outage impacting (TRU Lincs, telephones, televisions, etc).
- Contractors have been working diligently to fix impacted areas to restore power throughout the institution.
- Legal visits will resume on Sunday, February 3, 2018.
- We anticipate the power to be restored by Monday, February 4, 2019.

Although, we understand your frustration, you are encouraged to maintain positive behavior and follow rules and regulations. If positive behavior is maintained, we will re-access your behavior in order to resume modified operations until this matter has been resolved.



U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Metropolitan Detention Center
Brooklyn, NY

For Immediate Release
February 2, 2019

Contact: Valery Logan
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Partial Power Outage at the Metropolitan Detention Center Brooklyn, NY

Brooklyn, NY: Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) Brooklyn experienced a partial power outage, due to a fire in the switch gear room. The West building has limited power in some areas; however, the East building was unaffected. All areas have lights that are on the emergency lighting circuit which is being fed by the utility company.

The new electrical panel was installed by an outside contractor today, and a work ticket has been submitted by the electrical contractor to schedule a work crew to restore power to the new temporary service switch. The facility is working to restore power as expeditiously as possible; the current estimate is that the work is expected be completed by Monday, February 4, 2019.

Inmates have hot water for showers and hot water in the sinks in the cell. Essential personal hygiene items and medical services continue to be provided. New York City Emergency Services is providing blankets to MDC Brooklyn, and inmates will receive additional blankets and clothing today. The inmate telephones, inmate computers, and inmate televisions have no electrical power at this time, because of the electrical issue. The inmate's public defender phones are operational. Staff telephones in the unit officer stations are operational.

Tours of the facility were provided to representatives and staff from the United States Congress. All representatives were able to walk the facility, talk to inmates and staff and observe institution conditions.

Metropolitan Detention Center Brooklyn is an administrative security facility that currently houses 1,654 male and female offenders in Brooklyn, NY. Visiting has been temporarily suspended, due to the partial power outage. Visitors should continue to check the public website (www.bop.gov) for any updates regarding visiting.

Additional information about the Federal Bureau of Prisons can be found at www.bop.gov.

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Federal Bureau of Prisons
Metropolitan Detention Center
Brooklyn, NY

For Immediate Release
February 3, 2019

Contact: Valery Logan
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***** Update *** Partial Power Outage at the Metropolitan Detention Center Brooklyn, NY**

Brooklyn, NY: On January 27, 2019, Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) Brooklyn experienced a partial power outage due to a fire in the switch gear room. The West building has limited power in some areas; however, the East building was unaffected. All affected areas have lights that are on the emergency lighting circuit which is being fed by the utility company.

The new electrical panel was installed by an outside contractor on February 2, 2019, and a work ticket has been submitted by the electrical contractor to schedule a work crew to restore power to the new temporary service switch once the remaining part is obtained. Work is expected to be completed by Monday, February 4, 2019.

Heating to the building is provided via a boiler, which was not affected by the power outage. Inmates have hot water for showers and hot water in the sinks in the cell. Essential personal hygiene items and medical services continue to be provided. The facility has accepted resources from the New York City Emergency Management and the New York Department of Corrections. The inmate telephones, inmate computers, and inmate televisions do not have electrical power at this time because of the electrical issue. The inmate's public defender phones are operational. Staff telephones in the unit officer stations are operational.

Medical staff have checked and continue to check each inmate cell-by-cell periodically and continue to dispense required medications and address the medical needs of the inmate population. Legal visits will be available today.

Tours of the facility were provided on February 1, and February 2, 2019, to representatives and staff from the United States Congress. All representatives were able to walk the facility, talk to inmates and staff and observe institution conditions.

We continue to work expeditiously to restore power to the facility as quickly as possible.

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#5 A list of inmate town halls, staff recalls, and mainlines performed during between January 27 and February 3, 2019. List should include date, time, location of meetings (i.e., which units), and who conducted the meetings (i.e. Warden, AW, Captain).

List of Inmate Town Halls from January 27 – February 3, 2019		
Date	Location	Conducted by
January 28, 2019	Unit 8	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Unit Manager
	Unit 7	
	Unit 6	
	Unit 5	
	Unit 4	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Unit Secretary

List of Staff Recalls from January 27 – February 3, 2019		
Date	Location	Conducted by
January 28, 2019	Visiting Room	AW Garcia

List of Mainlines from January 27 – February 3, 2019	
Formal mainline was not scheduled. Staff were in units throughout the day. Executive staff, Health Services staff, and Psychology staff made daily rounds on each unit, therefore inmates had more exposure to all departments than during regular institution operations.	