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David Burger
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RE: ICE FOIA Case Number 2026-ICFO-14188

Dear Requester:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), dated 1/27/2026, your request for a waiver of all assessable FOIA fees, and your request for expedited treatment. Your request was received in this office on 1/27/2026. Specifically, you have requested records pertaining to:

1. all records created, sent, received, or maintained by the Department of Homeland Security, including but not limited to DHS headquarters, ICE, CBP, Border Patrol, and the Office of Public Affairs, that reference or relate to: Alex Pretti, including any discussion of his background, character, employment history, or alleged prior misconduct. Claims, allegations, or narratives asserting that Alex Pretti was previously fired, terminated, disciplined, or investigated by a hospital or medical facility. Any reference to “Lakeshore Medical,” “Lakeshore Medical Centre,” hospital misconduct allegations, or similar employment-related assertions.
2. Internal or external communications concerning public messaging, narrative management, reputational context, or anticipated media coverage following Mr. Pretti’s death.
3. Media talking points, background briefs, internal guidance, Q&A documents, or draft statements prepared for press or congressional inquiries concerning the incident.
4. Communications with journalists, media outlets, social media platforms, or third parties referencing Mr. Pretti’s alleged background or character.
5. Records reflecting monitoring, assessment, or awareness of viral social media posts, graphics, or online claims related to Mr. Pretti’s alleged employment history.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, ICE processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although ICE’s goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As your request seeks numerous documents that will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, ICE will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6) (B). If you’re able to narrow the scope of your request please contact our office. Narrowing the scope may speed up the search process. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

In addition, ICE acknowledges that your FOIA request includes a request for fee waiver. We will adjudicate this request only if the agency is allowed to assess fees under the FOIA. See 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(c)-(d). If this is the case, you will be notified of our decision in a separate communication. If there are no assessable fees, your request for a fee waiver will be moot and you will not receive further

communications from ICE regarding fees related to this FOIA request.

Your request for expedited treatment is hereby denied.

Under the DHS FOIA regulations, expedited processing of a FOIA request is warranted if the request involves “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,” 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(i), or “an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information,” 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(ii). Requesters seeking expedited processing must submit a statement explaining in detail the basis for the request, and that statement must be certified by the requester to be true and correct. 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(3).

Your request for expedited processing is denied because you do not qualify for either category under 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1). You failed to demonstrate a particular urgency to inform the public about the government activity involved in the request beyond the public’s right to know about government activity generally. Your letter was conclusory in nature and did not present any facts to justify a grant of expedited processing under the applicable standards.

If you deem the decision to deny expedited treatment of your request an adverse determination, you have the right to appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(e)(2). You may submit your appeal through the SecureRelease Portal (preferred) or via regular mail to:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 12th Street, S.W., Mail Stop 5900
Washington, D.C. 20536-5900

Your envelope and letter should be marked “FOIA Appeal.” Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

ICE has queried the appropriate program offices within ICE for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Public Liaison at ICEFOIAPublicLiaison@ice.dhs.gov or (866) 633-1182. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS 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.

Your request has been assigned reference number 2026-ICFO-14188. Please use this number in future

correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Freedom of Information Act Office
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