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CBP-FO-2026-052953

Dear David Burger:

This notice acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) received on 1/27/2026, in which you requested the following: "I request 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.

Internal or external communications concerning public messaging, narrative management, reputational context, or anticipated media coverage following Mr. Pretti's death.

Media talking points, background briefs, internal guidance, Q&A documents, or draft statements prepared for press or congressional inquiries concerning the incident.

Communications with journalists, media outlets, social media platforms, or third parties referencing Mr. Pretti's alleged background or character.

Records reflecting monitoring, assessment, or awareness of viral social media posts, graphics, or online claims related to Mr. Pretti's alleged employment history."

Please use the following unique FOIA tracking number CBP-FO-2026-052953 to track the status of your request. If you have not already done so, you must create a SecureRelease account. This is the only method available to check the status of your pending FOIA request.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, CBP processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although CBP's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). As the subject matter of your request is of substantial interest to two or more components of CBP or of substantial interest to another agency, we will need to consult with those entities before we issue a final response. Due to these unusual circumstances, CBP will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

CBP's FOIA Division is working hard to reduce the amount of time necessary to respond to FOIA

requests. We truly appreciate your continued patience.

For additional information please consult CBP FOIA website please click on FOIA Act Resources or visit <http://www.cbp.gov/site-policy-notices/foia>.

Please note that this message has been sent from an unmonitored e-mail account. Any messages sent to this account will not be read.

Sincerely,

U.S. Customs and Border Protection