



October 28, 2020

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
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CASTAIC, CA 91384

FOIPA Request No.: 1468308-001
Subject: Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park (On
or after 1999)

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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61 pages were reviewed and 25 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation'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 ninety (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." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is 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; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) 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; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Import Form

Form Type: Letter Incoming

Date: 07/18/2017

Title: (U) Letter from PETA

Approved By: SSA [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 166C-OC-2152431

[redacted]

[redacted] - VICTIM;
ITAR - MURDER FOR HIRE

Synopsis: (U) Letter from PETA regarding [redacted]

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June 16, 2017

[Redacted]

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
3301 West Memorial Road
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Via First Class Mail

Dear Special Agents [Redacted]

I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc. (PETA) to follow up with PETA's recent complaint regarding a death threat that was e-mailed to a PETA staff member by [Redacted] dba Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park, at 25803 N. County Road 3250, Wynnewood, OK 73098, and to provide the FBI with addition information, including a second threat of violence that [Redacted] posted to his public Facebook page on June 16, 2017, directed at [Redacted]. We believe that [Redacted] is currently in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On June 16, 2017 [Redacted] posted a photo of [Redacted] on his Facebook page, with the following threat of violence: "Does this bitch seriously think she's any match for me? bring it on. When it's done and over i'll live stream 15 tigers eating [Redacted]... Think I'm kidding? ask people that know me, I never rest when fucked with. [Redacted] go dig up that box, I might need its contents soon." See Exhibit 1. In the posts' comments [Redacted] states in reference to [Redacted] "I'm willing to die for my beliefs, I wonder if she is?" See Exhibit 1. This threat comes after a series of posts about PETA, including one that stated: "If you dare threaten us or our animals, it will result in bad consequences for you. . . . you might want to stop now. This is your only warning!" See Exhibit 2.

Please immediately investigate this individual for his intimidating and coercive threats of violence that are a serious expression of intent to harm. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Attachments

cc: [Redacted]
Las Vegas Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation
1787 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89106

PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS
FOUNDATION

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1536 16th St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
202-483-PETA

Los Angeles
2154 W. Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90026
323-644-PETA

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Norfolk
501 Front St.
Norfolk, VA 23510
757-622-PETA

Oakland
554 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610
510-763-PETA

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PETA FOUNDATION IS AN
OPERATING CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
TO SUPPORT ANIMAL PROTECTION

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EXHIBIT 1

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Date of entry 12/11/2017

[Redacted] Confidential
Informant (CI) met with [Redacted]
[Redacted]

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The meeting was consensually recorded by [Redacted] and the original recordings will be maintained in the ELSUR Unit of the FBI Oklahoma City Division. The following is a summary of pertinent events to the best recollection of the [Redacted] For specific details, refer to recordings.

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Investigation on 12/08/2017 at [Redacted]
File # 166C-OC-2152431 Date drafted 12/11/2017
by [Redacted]

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Report of Illicit Wildlife Trafficking Organization in Oklahoma and Nevada

Date: 04/16/2018

From: LOS ANGELES

LA-VNRA (SSA [redacted])

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: SIA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 166C-OC-2152431

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ITAR - MURDER FOR HIRE

(U) INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND PRODUCTION CRIMINAL

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

[redacted];
Threat and Presence in Los Angeles AOR

Synopsis: (U) This EC serves to provide information to the receiving offices about a potential wildlife trafficking organization responsible for breeding and transporting tiger cubs from Oklahoma to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Original sub-source document provided to A/SSRA [redacted]
2. (U) Open-source information including [redacted]

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Details:

(U) In early April 2018, the Ventura RA was provided with information regarding a potential illegal wildlife trafficking organization. The

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Title: (U) Report of Illicit Wildlife Trafficking Organization in Oklahoma and Nevada

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details are as follows and original reporting document has been attached to this serial.

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1. Breeder/Supplier: G.W. Exotics in Oklahoma, associated with [redacted]
2. Marketing/Trafficking: [redacted] associated with [redacted]
3. Marketing/Exhibiting: [redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) Analyst Note: [redacted] is currently under FBI investigation, Murder for Hire [redacted] He is also the subject of a PETA complaint for alleged death threats to their [redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) According to the [redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) According to the unidentified source, [redacted]

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Title: (U) Report of Illicit Wildlife Trafficking Organization in Oklahoma and Nevada

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Writer performed a cursory search based on the information documented above and provides the following:

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(U) The information above  are being provided to both the Las Vegas Field Office and the Oklahoma City Field Office for information and any investigative action deemed necessary.

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Date of entry 07/19/2018

[redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] social security number [redacted] was interviewed at the United States Attorney's Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Special Agent [redacted] U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, participated in the interview. Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) [redacted] [redacted] were present during portions of the interview. [redacted] provided the following information:

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Investigation on 07/10/2018 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, United States (In Person)

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by [redacted]

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Date of entry 07/31/2018

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
 [redacted] social security number [redacted] was interviewed at the
 [redacted]
 [redacted] Special Agent (SA) [redacted] United States
 Fish & Wildlife Service, participated in the interview. The
 information set forth below is an interview summary. It is not
 intended to be a verbatim account and does not memorialize all
 statements made during the interview. Communications by the
 parties during the interview were recorded on audio equipment. The
 recording captures the actual words spoken. [redacted] was advised of
 the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the
 interview. [redacted] then provided the following information:

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 [redacted]

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[redacted] was involved in a civil lawsuit with [redacted]
 [redacted] who operates [redacted]
 [redacted] indicated that [redacted] wanted to shut down the
 Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park. [redacted]

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Investigation on 07/13/2018 at [redacted]
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 by [redacted]

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[redacted]

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONSENT TO SEARCH

1. I have been asked by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to permit a complete search of:

(Describe the person(s), place(s), or thing(s) to be searched.)

One ZTE phone

One Samsung phone with cracked screen

2. I have been advised of my right to refuse consent.

3. I give this permission voluntarily.

4. I authorize these agents to take any items which they determine may be related to their investigation.

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Date

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Opening EC

Date: 09/04/2018

CC:

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From: LOS ANGELES

LA-CE-3 (SSA [Redacted])

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: SSA [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: 281Y-LA-2981003

(U) UNSUB; TIGER/LOS ANGELES AREA;
CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE-ILLCIT WILDLIFE
TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

Synopsis: (U) Opening EC

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) [Redacted]

2. (U) [Redacted]

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Details:

On or about April 30, 2018, FBI Los Angeles Field Office (LAFO),
Squad CE-3 was advised via Ventura Resident Agency (RA) A/SSRA [Redacted]
[Redacted] that INSTAGRAM (INSTAGRAM) user [Redacted]
posted a photograph with a tiger cub which is believed to be an
illegally trafficked animal with the hash-tagged location of Beverly
Hills, California. [Redacted]

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According to an unidentified source [Redacted]

[Redacted]

1. Breeder/Supplier: G.W. EXOTICS (G.W. EXOTICS) in Oklahoma, associated with [Redacted]

2. Marketing/Trafficking: [Redacted] associated with [Redacted]

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3. Marketing/Exhibiting: [Redacted]

[Redacted], a murder for hire investigation. [Redacted] is also the subject of a PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA) complaint for alleged death to [Redacted]

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Per open source information, [Redacted]

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Re: 281Y-LA-2981003, 09/04/2018

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The aforementioned source advised [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Squad CE-3 investigates the activity of illicit wildlife trafficking organizations in the Los Angeles AOR and is opening this investigation accordingly.

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Date of entry 09/26/2018

On September 4, 2018, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] residential address [redacted] [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] email address [redacted] alternate email address [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed at the FBI Los Angeles Field Office (LAFO) located at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90024, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted]

[redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the nature and purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was born in [redacted] but moved to the United States when he was [redacted] father was a United States citizen and [redacted] became a United States citizen as his child. [redacted] had worked [redacted] since he was eighteen years old.

[redacted] had two INSTAGRAM (INSTAGRAM) accounts. One INSTAGRAM account with the user name [redacted] was utilized by [redacted] specifically to obtain followers as he wanted to later become a YOUTUBE (YOUTUBE) influencer. [redacted] followed "random" accounts and allowed "random" accounts to follow his [redacted] INSTAGRAM account. [redacted] kept this account separate from his "personal" INSTAGRAM account with the username [redacted] explained established friends outside the internet followed him on his [redacted] account. [redacted] followed these established friends on the [redacted] account. [redacted] also maintained a FACEBOOK (FACEBOOK) account utilizing the display name [redacted] [redacted] SNAPCHAT (SNAPCHAT) user name was [redacted]

[redacted] was presented with a printout from the INSTAGRAM account of [redacted] The printout displayed a photograph of [redacted] with a tiger cub. [redacted] stated he posted the photograph to his [redacted] INSTAGRAM account. The printout is provided in an attached 1A.

[redacted] advised the photograph was taken when he went to an animal sanctuary somewhere in Oklahoma on a drive from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to

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Dallas, Texas. [redacted] explained he was in Oklahoma visiting friends and the group went to see a musical performance in Dallas, Texas. [redacted] traveled to Oklahoma to see his friend, ANAND "HAPPY" PATEL (PATEL). [redacted] noted PATEL had since died in a small plane crash, in April or May of 2018.

[redacted] added "#beverlyhills" to the photograph because he wanted to obtain followers from the Beverly Hills, California area. [redacted] understood why that hashtag (indicated by #) could make it appear as his geographic location at the time of the photograph, as that is the most common usage for a hashtag followed by a location. [redacted] also indicated he posted the photograph to INSTAGRAM many months after the photograph was taken. [redacted] visited the animal sanctuary on [redacted] [redacted] the date which he identified by looking at the original photograph on his cellular telephone.

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The name G.W. EXOTICS (G.W. EXOTICS) was familiar to [redacted] [AGENT NOTE: G.W. EXOTICS later became THE GREATER WYNNEWOOD EXOTIC ANIMAL PARK (GWAP)]. When shown open source [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] advised he had a picture of the newborn cubs as well as other photographs. One of the photographs depicted two lions. He showed the photographs to SAs during the interview and agreed to email the photographs to SA [redacted]. The additional photographs [redacted] took during the visit and emailed to SA [redacted] are included in an attached 1A.

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[redacted] and five other individuals paid to enter GWEAP. The group consisted of [redacted] PATEL, [redacted] LNU [redacted] LNU), INSTAGRAM user name [redacted] INSTAGRAM user name [redacted] LNU [redacted] LNU), and an unknown individual. It was PATEL's idea to visit GWAP as he had been there several times prior. He believed the first two admissions were \$50.00 each and every subsequent admission was \$20.00. A female employee collected admission fees. The group was allowed

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approximately 20 minutes to interact with the tiger cub pictured in the photograph posted on INSTAGRAM. During the interactions at GWEAP, two female handlers were present.

[REDACTED] believed the owner of GWEAP was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] thought PATEL was friends with the owner, as they spoke and were friendly during the visit. SAs showed [REDACTED] a photograph which depicted [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as whom he believed was the owner of GWEAP. [Agent Note: On or about September 7, 2018, [REDACTED] was arrested in Florida by UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE (USMS) and was charged with two counts of hiring a person to commit murder. Specifically, [REDACTED] sought to have [REDACTED] murdered.] The photograph shown to [REDACTED] is provided in an attached 1A and labeled "Google Photograph 3-09.04.18."

[REDACTED] recalled hearing [REDACTED] complain that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) did not like the animals being kept in cages. [REDACTED] was unclear whether this was said during his personal visit to GWEAP, or on an online video featuring [REDACTED]

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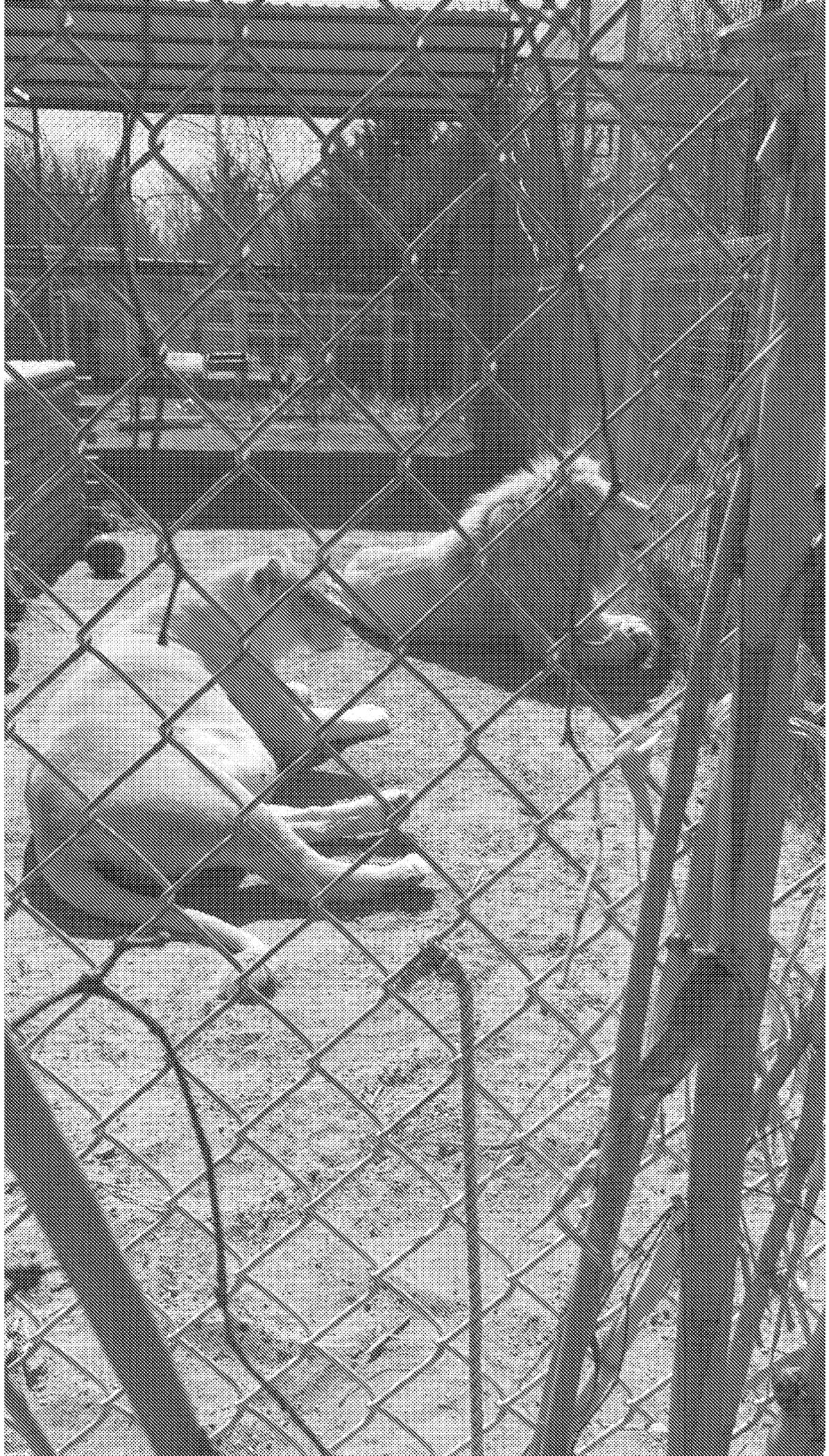
[REDACTED] stated after PATEL's death, a cub at GWEAP was named "Happy" after PATEL. [REDACTED] viewed the named tiger cub on social media and was also told about the tiger cub by PATEL [REDACTED] had communication with employees at GWEAP.

[REDACTED] advised he was available for recontact by SA [REDACTED]





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From: [redacted] (LA) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 7:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (LA) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Photos

[redacted]

Thank you so much for sending these pictures and for coming in to speak with us. Have a nice weekend!

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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[redacted] Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
11000 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Desk: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 7:44 PM
To: [redacted] (LA) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Photos

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since 18

born in [Redacted]

[Redacted] (Instagram)

[Redacted] → US citizen (taken)

post on both
personal

get followers — follow random
youtube influencer

Facebook, Snapchat

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Happy
Patel
4-5 mos
died in
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tiger pic → you posted → Oklahoma

went to sanctuary
inbetween OKC & Dallas

G.W. Exotic's sound familiar

[Redacted] (as far as he know)

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- that cub + one bigger
newborns in crate
photo

#beven
↓
just for

- definitely in Oklahoma - #5

- PAID to get in → went w/ 5 friends \$50

1st 2 \$50
the rest \$20

Anand Happy Patel
(1st time)

happypatel91

idea to go (he had been several times)

account name - deleted

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you
other person CAN'T remember

GIN EXOTIC MIDCAT PARK
OKLAHOMA

friends w/ owner
- club there named
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social media
account

ID

blue walls / tan floor → room went to

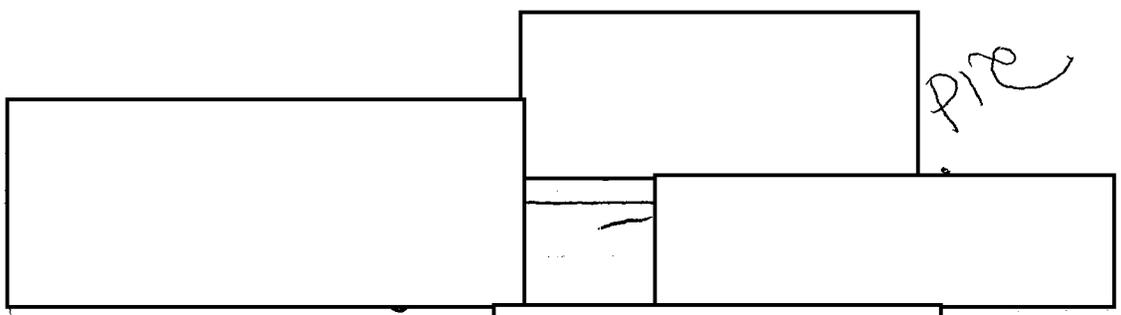
- 20 mins for whole group

- 2 female handlers

[Redacted]

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Happy in lion in [redacted]

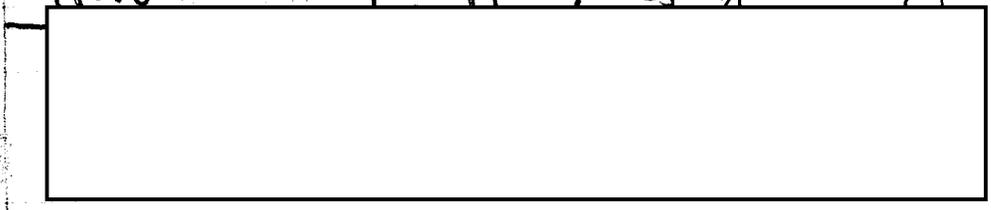
Happy & him talking

female who took \$ [redacted]

PETA was against the animals in cages
Donner or in person

1. poison
venom in
money cages

posted pic late
ACTUAL VISIT approx 1 year ago



- email other photos

- 2 LIONS

