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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**Electronic Communication****Title:** (U//FOUO) EC REQUESTING TRENTON RA TO
CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF FEDERAL**Date:** 01/10/2019**Approved By:** [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 72-MM-NEW

(U) RODRIGUEZ, ALFREDO - SEE SUB

Details: Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 09/02/2010 To: Newark Attn:
[REDACTED] From: Miami PB-2/PBCRA Contact: SA
[REDACTED] Approved By: [REDACTED] Drafted
By: [REDACTED] J:cjp Case ID #: 72-MM-113327 (Pending) Title:
ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE Synopsis: EC requesting
Trenton RA to conduct interview of federal inmate, STEVEN HOFFENBERG,
regarding captioned investigation. Details: In October 2009, Miami
Division opened an obstruction of justice case against ALFREDO
RODRIGUEZ. RODRIGUEZ was the previous house manager and butler to Palm
Beach County resident JEFFREY EPSTEIN. EPSTEIN was the subject of
child prostitution, 31E matter, worked by Miami Division beginning in
2006. Investigation of EPSTEIN revealed that he brought underage girls
to his home to perform massages and paid them to engage in sex acts
with himself and one another. The U.S. Attorney's Office entered into
a non-prosecution agreement where EPSTEIN pled guilty to lesser state
offenses in Florida state court. EPSTEIN was sentenced to a period of
state prison followed by community supervision as a registered sex
offender. EPSTEIN's victims filed suit against EPSTEIN in state and
federal court seeking damages in civil litigation. During the
discovery process, RODRIGUEZ was deposed by attorney BRADLEY EDWARDS
who represented several of the victims. After his deposition,
RODRIGUEZ contacted EDWARDS and advised that he had lists of
additional victims that he had not previously disclosed to law
enforcement during the criminal investigation or after being served
with a subpoena in the civil case. RODRIGUEZ advised he would not turn
the information over to the attorney but instead wanted monetary
compensation. In November 2009, RODRIGUEZ attempted to sell the
information to a UCE for \$50,000.00, which resulted in the above
captioned case. Also during the civil litigation, EDWARDS' law firm
contacted STEVEN HOFFENBERG as a potential plaintiff's witness against
EPSTEIN. HOFFENBERG is a federal inmate at Fort Dix Federal
Correctional Institution (FCI), inmate number 35601-054. HOFFENBERG

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was a former business associate or acquaintance of EPSTEIN. HOFFENBERG is serving a 20-year sentence for his role in a Ponzi scheme and securities fraud that was worked by the New York field office, 196C-NY-235483. Through correspondence, HOFFENBERG advised EDWARDS' firm that he had information regarding JEFFREY EPSTEIN being involved in the murder of a Columbus, Ohio attorney named ARTHUR L. SHAPIRO. SHAPIRO was killed on March 6, 1985 in the Columbus area. The case remains unsolved. A review of ACS does not reflect HOFFENBERG offered this information as a proffer during the 196C matter. It should be noted that HOFFENBERG appears to have a history of mental illness. Since his incarceration, he has filed civil rights complaints regarding the facilities he has been assigned to. It is requested that Trenton RA interview HOFFENBERG for information regarding JEFFREY EPSTEIN and his involvement or knowledge of the murder of SHAPIRO. Descriptive Data: Reference Name - Last: Hoffenberg First: Steven Race: W Sex: M Address(es) - House #: [REDACTED] Suffix: Rd. City: Fort Dix State: NJ Postal Code: 08640 Country: USA Phone #: [REDACTED] LEAD(s): Set Lead 1: (Action) NEWARK AT TRENTON, NJ To interview federal inmate, STEVEN HOFFENBERG, BOP number [REDACTED], regarding the murder of ARTHUR SHAPIRO. **

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