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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication****Title:** (U//FOUO) RE: VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**Date:** 12/04/2018**Drafted By:** Missing**Case ID #:** 31E-MM-NEW

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Beach, FL 33401 Phone: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED] May 30, 2008

[REDACTED] Re: Case  
Number: 31E-MM-108062 Dear [REDACTED]: Your name was referred to  
the FBI's Victim Assistance Program as being a possible victim of a  
federal crime. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation while we  
are investigating this case. We would like to make you aware of the  
victim services that may be available to you and to answer any  
questions you may have regarding the criminal justice process  
throughout the investigation. Our program is part of the FBI's effort  
to ensure the victims are treated with respect and are provided  
information about their rights under federal law. These rights include  
notification of the status of the case. The enclosed brochures provide  
information about the FBI's Victim Assistance Program, resources and  
instructions for accessing the Victim Notification System (VNS). VNS  
is designed to provide you with information regarding the status of  
your case. This case is currently under investigation. This can be a  
lengthy process and we request your continued patience while we  
conduct a thorough investigation. As a crime victim, you have the  
following rights under 18 United States Code 3771: (1) The right to be  
reasonably protected from the accused; (2) The right to reasonable,  
accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any  
parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of  
the accused; (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public  
court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and  
convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be  
materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that  
proceeding; (4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public  
proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing,  
or any parole proceeding; (5) The reasonable right to confer with the  
attorney for the Government in the case; (6) The right to full and  
timely restitution as provided in law; (7) The right to proceedings  
free from unreasonable delay; (8) The right to be treated with  
fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy. We

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will make our best efforts to ensure you are accorded the rights described. Most of these rights pertain to events occurring after the arrest or indictment of an individual for the crime, and it will become the responsibility of the prosecuting United States Attorney's Office to ensure you are accorded those rights. You may also seek the advice of a private attorney with respect to these rights. The Victim Notification System (VNS) is designed to provide you with direct information regarding the case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this matter on the Internet at [WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV](http://WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV) or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-██████████) (TDD/TTY: 1-██████████) (International: 1-██████████). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program. If you update your information to include a current email address, VNS will send information to that address. You will need the following Victim Identification Number (VIN) ██████████ and Personal Identification Number (PIN) ██████████ anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log on to VNS on the Internet. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is ██████████. If you have additional questions which involve this matter, please contact the office listed above. When you call, please provide the file number located at the top of this letter. Please remember, your participation in the notification part of this program is voluntary. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current. Sincerely, ██████████ Victim Specialist

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