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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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2008 [REDACTED] US Embassy Bogota Calle - Attn: ALAT [REDACTED]
24-BIS #48-50 Santafe Degota Colombia 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. 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 will make our best efforts to ensure you are accorded the rights
described. Most of these rights pertain to events occurring after the

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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 or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365- 4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). 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) [REDACTED] and Personal Identification Number (PIN) [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]. 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, [REDACTED] Victim Specialist CC:
ALAT [REDACTED]

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