



May 13, 2016

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Re: FinCEN 2016-482

Dear Ms. Jimenez:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) dated May 2, 2016 received by FinCEN on May 6, 2016.

The request was for:

- 1) Any and all studies, analysis, research or reports involving the racial, religious or ethnic demographics of the subjects of Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) from 2001 to present.
- 2) Any and all memos, notes, studies, reports or analysis involving potential or actual SAR reporting bias against members of racial, ethnic or religious groups.
- 3) SAR-DI count by Filer Branch zip code for the states of Florida and Ohio for 2013 and 2014 for each Suspicious Activity type/category. If breakdown by Suspicious Activity type/category is not available by zip code, then total SAR count by zip code is requested. Note: this data was used to generate "FinCEN Suspicious Activity Report by Depository Institutions Geographic Distribution for the State of Florida For the Period March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014" and also a similar FinCEN report for 2013.

FinCEN has no identified records found for your FOIA request. Concerning request #1 and #2 FinCEN does not collect racial, religious, or ethnic demographics on SARs. Your #3 request references heat maps which illustrate aggregate SAR-DIs by county, parish, or metropolitan area. FinCEN utilizes census data of zip codes to formulate the heat maps. As you know county, parish, or metropolitan areas can contain one or more zip codes, as well as partial zip codes. For that reason FinCEN does not have records of aggregate SAR-Dis by individual zip codes.

If you believe this response to be in error, you may appeal it by writing to the following address: FinCEN FOIA Appeal, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183. The appeal must be received within 35 days from the date of this letter and should specify the date of your initial request as well as the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal" and must include a statement explaining why you believe this response is in error.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert L. Paist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Gilbert L. Paist
Disclosure Officer