



October 17, 2025

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: Initial Processing Operations Unit
Record/Information Dissemination Section
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Winchester, VA 22602

VIA EFOIPA AND CERTIFIED MAIL

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