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Mr. Paul Szoldra  
Via: 120193-74820941@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Szoldra:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request DON-USMC-2022-000446

This letter is to inform you that on October 19, 2021, this office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request sought a copy of the "charge sheet for Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller, who pleaded guilty to all charges during a special court-martial at Camp Lejeune on Thursday."

You have asked for expedited processing of your FOIA request. FOIA regulations state that a bureau or agency will provide expedited processing if a requester demonstrates a compelling need for the records because:

1. Failure to expedite the request could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to life or physical safety of an individual; or
2. There is an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged government activity and the request is made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information (The requested information must be the type of which has particular value that will be lost if not disseminated quickly; this ordinarily refers to a breaking news story of general public interest. Information of historical interest only or information sought for litigation or commercial activities would not qualify, nor would a news media deadline unrelated to breaking news.)

Your request does not contain enough evidence to support either of these criteria. Your request for expedited processing has been denied.

You have been determined to be a media requester and provisions of the FOIA allow the Department of the Navy to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. As a media requester, there are no fees associated with your request.

Please note, our office makes every effort to maintain the 20 working day response time allotted by the FOIA and we process cases on a first in first out basis. However, the time it takes to search, obtain, review, and the volume of responsive documents may impact processing time extending the time frame of the response.

You may appeal any of the responses or decisions set forth above. If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for the appeal. You may send your appeal via the mail (address below).

Department of the Navy  
Office of the General Counsel  
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You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at [hqmcfoia@usmc.mil](mailto:hqmcfoia@usmc.mil) or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

For inquiries concerning your request, please contact me at [maria.e.gonzalez2@usmc.mil](mailto:maria.e.gonzalez2@usmc.mil).

Sincerely,



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