

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Missed Production Deadline in Law v. BOP
From: "Carpenter, Katherine (BOP)" <kcarpenter@bop.gov>
Date: 5/1/25, 10:17 AM
To: "Christenson, Kara (BOP)" <kchristenson@bop.gov>, Caitlin Henry <ckh@caitlinkellyhenry.com>
CC: "Pyle, Michael T. (USACAN)" <Michael.T.Pyle@usdoj.gov>

Good Morning, Ms. Henry,

I wanted to add my apologies to Kara's and to also add some context to her explanation for the delay in production. It's almost impossible to explain just how greatly the BOP's FOIA team has been decimated by the recent string of resignations and retirements. I know that you have read Kara's Declaration from this case, but for her to be serving as both the acting FOIA Chief as well as the Supervisory Government Information Specialist is really no small feat. As she indicated in one of her previous emails to you, she missed the most recent document production because she was out of the office. She was not on vacation, but was TDY for work. She has been working diligently to catch up since her return.

Currently, the BOP's FOIA team has a number of staff out on annual leave, including one of the remaining attorneys, so Kara has had to step in and handle GAO audit reviews, which have a very quick turn around time. Moreover, it's quarterly reporting time for OIP and Strategic Plans for the Department of Justice, which also have quick turn around times. The BOP FOIA email inbox has consistently had over 300 emails waiting to be addressed for the last few months, and the FOIA backlog is now over 6660 requests. There are currently over 250 FOIA Requests waiting for final review. Finally, it's performance evaluation time for the FOIA staff. Kara, as acting FOA Chief, is responsible for addressing all of that.

Kara takes all of her responsibilities very seriously, but she really is just one person and there are only 24 hours in a day. There are going to be times when she has to put some of her other FOIA responsibilities first, and, sadly, that might result in record production in your case and other cases not being made right on schedule. This should not be taken as any indication that either Kara or the BOP does not take this litigation seriously but as rather a reflection that we are working with limited resources at this point and doing the absolute best we can to keep our FOIA program operating and serving everyone. We cannot simply ignore all of the other requestors and focus on only one request.

I would ask for your continued patience with Kara, as she truly does care deeply about her work and is one of those most diligent, hardest workers that I've ever had the pleasure of working with.

Sincerely,
Kathy Carpenter

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From: Christenson, Kara (BOP) <kchristenson@bop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 5:41 AM
To: Caitlin Henry <ckh@caitlinkellyhenry.com>
Cc: Pyle, Michael T. (USACAN) <Michael.T.Pyle@usdoj.gov>; Carpenter, Katherine (BOP) <kcarpenter@bop.gov>
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Good morning Ms. Henry,

I apologize for the delay in production. I am working to get that completed and to you today. I am working diligently to get caught up after being out of the office. I appreciate your patience.

Kara

From: Caitlin Henry <ckh@caitlinkellyhenry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 5:09 PM
To: Christenson, Kara (BOP) <kchristenson@bop.gov>
Cc: Pyle, Michael T. (USACAN) <Michael.T.Pyle@usdoj.gov>; Carpenter, Katherine (BOP) <kcarpenter@bop.gov>
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Dear Ms. Christenson,

I'm following up again about the deadline the BOP missed.
Sincerely,

Caitlin Kelly Henry, Esq.

(510) 277-2025

On 4/28/25 10:47 AM, Caitlin Henry wrote:

Dear Ms. Christenson,

I'm following up.
Sincerely,

Caitlin Kelly Henry, Esq.

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On 4/25/25 5:10 PM, Caitlin Henry wrote:

Dear Ms. Christenson,

I hope your travels went well. Friday 4/18/25, 4 weeks after the 3/21/25 release, was the deadline for production of documents in Law v. BOP. We have not yet received the release, a week later.

We request that you provide the outstanding documents as soon as possible. If there is a reason for the delay, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Kelly Henry, Esq.

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On 4/21/25 12:47 PM, Christenson, Kara (BOP) wrote:

Hello Ms. Henry,

I am in travel status today. At my first opportunity, I will look into the production and let you know where things are at.

Sincerely,
Kara

From: Caitlin Henry <ckh@caitlinkellyhenry.com>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 2:12:28 PM
To: Christenson, Kara (BOP) <kchristenson@bop.gov>
Cc: Pyle, Michael T. (USACAN) <Michael.T.Pyle@usdoj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Missed Production Deadline in Law v. BOP

Dear Ms. Christenson,

I hope this email finds you well. Attorney Pyle (cc'd) authorized me to be in direct communication while he is out of the office.

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We request that you provide the outstanding documents as soon as possible. If there is a reason for the delay, please let us know.

I look forward to your prompt response and hope to resolve this matter without further delay.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Kelly Henry, Esq.

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