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Case Number: 15-00186-F

Subject: Information regarding the Burning Man Festival (aka: Burning Man) in the Black Rock Desert in Northern Nevada

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOI/PA) request dated December 14, 2014, addressed to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit (SARF), seeking access to information regarding the above subject.

To fulfill your request for ***“a copy of DEA investigative files concerning the BURNING MAN FESTIVAL also known as BURNING MAN”***, our office forwarded a copy of your request letter to the DEA Las Vegas Field Office to request a search of their records for any responsive document related to this event. Based upon all available information, we have determined that the Las Vegas Field Office is the DEA component they may have records responsive to the subject of your request. As a result of their search, 43 pages were received and processed.

However, please be advised that out of the 43 pages, 36 pages contained third party information that is not releasable to you without proof of death or an original notarize authorization. Information about another person is considered an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Such records would be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Exemptions (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(F) and/or of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5 U.S.C. Section 552.

The processing of your request identified certain materials that will be released to you. Portions not released are being withheld pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and/or the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Please refer to the list enclosed with this letter that identifies the authority for withholding the deleted material, which is indicated by a number appearing in the block next to the exemption. An additional enclosure with this letter explains these exemptions in more detail. The documents are being forwarded to you with this letter.

The rules and regulations of the Drug Enforcement Administration applicable to Freedom of Information Act requests are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Part 16, as amended. They are published in the Federal Register and are available for inspection by members of the public.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Government Information Specialist Deshelia S Wallace on 202-307-4264.

Sincerely,



Katherine L. Myrick, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
FOI/Records Management Section

Number of pages withheld: 35

Number of pages released: 8

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND/OR PRIVACY ACT:

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**Privacy Act
5 U.S.C. 552a**

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DETAILS

1. On August 29, 2013, Detectives of the Department of Public Safety, the Bureau of Land Management and other local law enforcement agencies worked as a narcotic task force at the Burning Man Festival in the Black Rock Desert, Pershing County, Nevada.

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10. Report Re: Case Closing				

DETAILS

1. On August 31, 2012, Detectives of the Department of Public Safety, the Bureau of Land Management and other local law enforcement agencies worked as a narcotic task force at the Burning Man Festival in the Black Rock Desert, Pershing County, Nevada.

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9. Other Officers:				
10. Report Re: (b)(7)(C)				

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- District of Nevada
- Pershing County Nevada

DATE/TIME/PLACE

08-31-2012 12:45 am 2012 Burning Man Festival 9 O'clock and the Esplanade.

11. Distribution: Division	(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(F)	13. Date 09-25-2012
District		15. Date 09-25-2012
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9. Other Officers:				
10. Report (R) Summary Report				

(b)(7)(C)

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. District of Nevada
2. Pershing County

DATE / TIME / PLACE

08-29-2012, at approximately 12:40 a.m., at the 2012 Burning Man Event in the Black Rock Desert, Pershing County Nevada.

EXHIBITS

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DETAILS

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2. On August 29, 2012, at approximately 1240 am, detectives from the Washoe County All Threats All Crimes (ATAC) Unit, detectives from the Department of Public Safety Investigation Division, Agents from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Rangers from the U.S. Forrest Service, hereinafter referred to as detectives, were working in an undercover capacity at the 2012 Burning Man Festival in the Black Rock Desert located in Pershing County, Nevada.

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9. Other Officers:				
10. Report Re: Case Closing (b)(7)				

DETAILS

1. This investigation was handled by the Nevada Division of Investigation, and was prosecuted at the state level. DEA retains no evidence or arrest responsibility for this investigation. This case is administratively closed.

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10. Report Re: Summary Report				

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DETAILS

1. On August 31, 2011, during the Burning Man event, undercover operations were established in the Gerlach, Nevada area.

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