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Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Washington, D.C. 20220

June 3, 2019

Case Numbers: FinCEN 19-126-F
goFOIA 2019-04-129

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request dated April 19, 2019, addressed to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) FOIA Office, seeking a copy of the FINCEN Media/Press Inquiry Log for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date.

Please note your request is an overlap of your previous request 19-013-F. Therefore, we processed from the date of that request 10/19/19 – 04/19/19. 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. Please refer to the Applicable Exemptions list at the end of this letter that identifies the authority for withholding the exempt material, which is indicated by a mark appearing in the block next to the exemption. An additional enclosure with this letter explains these exemptions in more detail.

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing this request because the fees incurred do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge.

Administrative Appeal

In the event that you wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to FOIA FinCEN P.O. Box 39 Vienna, VA 22183. Please be sure to clearly mark “FOIA/PA Appeal” on both the letter and envelope. Your appeal **must be submitted within 90 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed should be prominently marked “FOIA Appeal.” Please note that the determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

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your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5796.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at email FinCENFOIA@fincen.gov.

Sincerely,



Rosemary Law
FOIA Officer

Summary:
Number of Pages Released in Full or Part: 62

APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND/OR PRIVACY ACT

Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552)

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Enclosures



Incident : 291148 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Kathleen Pender

Address:

Organization: San Francisco Chronicle

Phone: (b) (6)

Email: kpender@sfnchronicle.com

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Source: FRC Other - email

Status: Closed

Category: GTO

Organization Type: Other

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Subcategory: 2016 Beneficial Ownership

Contact Type: Press

Owner: Oyindamola Adegboro

Subcategory 4: Default

Action: Referred to FinCEN

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 12/5/2018 5:20:28 PM

Modified by: Oyindamola Adegboro

on 12/6/2018 11:55:11 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Media query re Nov. 15 geographic targeting order

Description

Hi, I'd like to speak to someone at Fincen about this press release. I called yesterday but no one has returned my call.

<https://www.fincen.gov/news/news-releases/fincen-reissues-real-estate-geographic-targeting-orders-and-expands-coverage-12>

Kathleen Pender

Business "Net Worth" columnist

San Francisco Chronicle

415-777-(b) (6) (office)

(b) (6) (cell)

kpender@sfnchronicle.com

Resolved by: Oyindamola Adegboro

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 12/6/2018 11:55:33
AM

On: 12/20/2018 10:31:09 PM

Resolution

Forwarded the inquiry to the Office of Public Affairs. (10:54 am EST)

Assignment Details:- (No Assignment(s)!!!)

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From	To	Subject	Email Message
FRC@fincen.gov	(b) (6)	FW: Incident# 291148 [EXTERNAL] Media query re Nov. 15 geographic targeting order	<p>Hi Steve –</p> <p>The Regulatory Helpline recently received the inquiry below. In checking our records, a log of the call they mentioned making could not be found in our records. Please assist. Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Hi, I'd like to speak to someone at Fincen about this press release. I called yesterday but no one has returned my call.</p> <p>https://www.fincen.gov/news/news-releases/fincen-reissues-real-estate-geographic-targeting-orders-and-expands-coverage-12</p> <p>Kathleen Pender Business "Net Worth" columnist San Francisco Chronicle 415-777-b(6) office) b(6) cell) kpender@schronicle.com</p>

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Incident : 296092 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Peter J Brown

Address:

Brewster, MA

Organization:

Phone: (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4: Default

Action: Provided Guidance

Source: Email

Organization Type: Individual

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Anthony Dash

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 12/18/2018 1:39:34 PM

Modified by: Anthony Dash

on 12/18/2018 1:54:54 PM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Asia Times / The increasing use of cryptocurrencies by Mexican drugcartels to evade AML enforcement efforts

Description

FINCEN,

I am preparing a commentary for Asia Times that discusses the increasing use of cryptocurrencies by Mexican drug cartels to evade AML enforcement efforts. I want to ask FINCEN 4 quick AML-related questions, and you can see them below. I am not seeking a phone interview at this time. My deadline is end of this week, and if time allows, I may have one or two follow up questions for FINCEN after I receive your response.

You can see my commentaries including my cryptocurrency-related work by simply searching, "Asia Times Peter J Brown"

Questions - (Feel free to answer just one or two of the questions below if there is time crunch here. Question #4 is the highest priority)

- 1) How easy it for criminal organizations such as Mexican drug cartels to wash their illicit gains through entities such as virtual currency exchanges today? What steps VCEs take to better protect themselves from this unwanted and destructive activity?
- 2) How has the overall pattern of US federal AML enforcement been changing in the past year or so, and how has the uptick in intensity impacted the cryptocurrency sector as a whole?
- 3) In terms of the overall US AML enforcement effort as it pertains to the cryptocurrency trading in use by Mexican drug cartels, has the greater degree of FINCEN / OFAC scrutiny resulted in noteworthy successes lately? Can you identify one or two recent successes?
- 4) Otherwise, can you describe the scope and nature of any Mexican - Asian connection? Is there a growing Asian connection? And how are Mexican drug cartels staking advantage of Asian and perhaps more specifically Chinese channels in order to wash their cryptocurrency holdings?

Additional comments welcome. Please notify me if you plan to respond or not.

Thanks

Peter J Brown
Brewster MA

(b) (6)

Resolved by: Anthony Dash

On: 12/18/2018 1:57:38
PM

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 1/1/2019 10:32:42 PM

Resolution

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FRC@fincen.gov	PublicAffairs@fincen.gov	FW: Incident# 296092 [EXTERNAL] Asia Times / The increasing use of cryptocurrencies by Mexican drugcartels to evade AML enforcement efforts	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>Please see the media inquiry below.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>FINCEN, I am preparing a commentary for Asia Times that discusses the increasing use of cryptocurrencies by Mexican drug cartels to evade AML enforcement efforts. I want to ask FINCEN 4 quick AML-related questions, and you can see them below. I am not seeking a phone interview at this time. My deadline is end of this week, and if time allows, I may have one or two follow up questions for FINCEN after I receive your response. You can see my commentaries including my cryptocurrency-related work by simply searching, "Asia Times Peter J Brown" Questions - (Feel free to answer just one or two of the questions below if there is time crunch here. Question #4 is the highest priority) 1) How easy it for criminal organizations such as Mexican drug cartels to wash their illicit gains through entities such as virtual currency exchanges today? What steps VCEs take to better protect themselves from this unwanted and destructive activity? 2) How has the overall pattern of US federal AML enforcement been changing in the past year or so, and how has the uptick in intensity impacted the cryptocurrency sector as a whole? 3) In terms of the overall US AML enforcement effort as it pertains to the cryptocurrency trading in use by Mexican drug cartels, has the greater degree of FINCEN / OFAC scrutiny resulted in noteworthy successes lately? Can you identify one or two recent successes? 4) Otherwise, can you describe the scope and nature of any Mexican - Asian connection? Is there a growing Asian connection? And how are Mexican drug cartels staking advantage of Asian and perhaps more specifically Chinese channels in order to wash their cryptocurrency holdings? Additional comments welcome. Please notify me if you plan to respond or not. Thanks Peter J Brown Brewster MA (b) (6)</p>

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Incident : 310933 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Daniel Uria

Address:

Organization:

Phone: (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4: Default

Source: Email

Organization Type: Individual

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Anthony Dash

Action: Provided Guidance

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 1/28/2019 1:05:58 PM

Modified by: Anthony Dash

on 1/28/2019 1:50:46 PM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Elder financial abuse interview - United Press International

Description

Hello,

My name is Daniel Uria, I'm a news writer for United Press International and I'm writing to request an interview for a story I'm working on about elder financial abuse.

I would be interested in speaking to someone from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network about how many people nationally are affected by elder financial abuse, any common examples and ways to detect them and how banks are working to combat the issue.

If it would be possible to speak to someone regarding these subjects between today, Jan. 28, 2019 and Wednesday, Jan. 30, please contact me by responding to this email or by phone at (305) 546-3515.

Thank you,

Daniel Uria

Resolved by: Anthony Dash

On: 1/28/2019 1:50:45 PM

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 2/11/2019 10:36:41 PM

Resolution

Forwarded to Public Affairs.

Assignment Details:- (No Assignment(s)!!!)

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Notes:- No note(s) available

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Email:-

From	To	Subject	Email Message
FRC@fincen.gov	PublicAffairs@fincen.gov	FW: Incident# 310933 [EXTERNAL] Elder financial abuse interview - United Press International	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>Please see the inquiry below.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Daniel Uria, I'm a news writer for United Press International and I'm writing to request an interview for a story I'm working on about elder financial abuse.</p> <p>I would be interested in speaking to someone from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network about how many people nationally are affected by elder financial abuse, any common examples and ways to detect them and how banks are working to combat the issue.</p> <p>If it would be possible to speak to someone regarding these subjects between today, Jan. 28, 2019 and Wednesday, Jan. 30, please contact me by responding to this email or by phone at (b) (6)</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Daniel Uria</p>

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Incident : 311155 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Nushin Rashidian

Address:

Organization: Cannabis Wire

Phone: 1111111111

Email: (b) (6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Source: Email

Status: Closed

Category: AML Compliance

Organization Type: Other

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Subcategory: 2014 Marijuana Guidance

Contact Type: Press

Owner: Anthony Dash

Subcategory 4:

Action:

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 1/28/2019 3:08:37 PM

Modified by: Anthony Dash

on 1/28/2019 4:55:27 PM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Media request: cannabis banking

Description

Hello,

I'm the founder and editor of Cannabis Wire <<http://cannabiswire.com>> and I'm looking for a list of the financial institutions that are working with cannabis businesses. I have the periodic reports that show the total number of institutions, but nothing more granular. Can you point me to where that might be on your site?

Thanks very much,
Nushin

Resolved by: Anthony Dash

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 1/29/2019 11:35:29
AM

On: 2/12/2019 10:38:09 PM

Resolution

Good day,

FinCEN is not able to provide a list of such financial institutions.

Assignment Details:- (No Assignment(s)!!!)

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From	To	Subject	Email Message
(b) (6)	FRC@fincen.gov	[EXTERNAL] Re: Incident# 311155 [EXTERNAL] Media request: cannabis banking	<p>Thank you for getting back to me. Can you let me know when the next marijuana banking report will be released?</p> <p>On Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 3:57 PM <FRC@fincen.gov> wrote:</p> <p>Good day,</p> <p>FinCEN is not able to provide a list of such financial institutions.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm the founder and editor of Cannabis Wire and I'm looking for a list of the financial institutions that are working with cannabis businesses. I have the periodic reports that show the total number of institutions, but nothing more granular. Can you point me to where that might be on your site?</p> <p>Thanks very much, Nushin</p>

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Incident : 317842 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Cara Tabachnick

Address:

Organization:

Phone: (b) (6)

Email: (b) (6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Source: Email

Status: Closed

Category: GTO

Organization Type: Other

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Subcategory: 2016 Beneficial Ownership

Contact Type: Press

Owner: Oyindamola Adegboro

Subcategory 4: Default

Action: Referred to FinCEN

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 2/11/2019 7:35:03 AM

Modified by: Oyindamola Adegboro

on 2/11/2019 9:57:46 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Re: Press Request-- Dow Jones Mansion Global

Description

Hello,

I'm following up on this request.

Cara Tabachnick
www.caratabachnick.com

b(6)

On Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 12:34 PM Cara Tabachnick (b) (6) > wrote:

> Hello,

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> I'm writing an article for Dow Jones's Mansion Global on global money
> laundering directives and am including FinCEN's Nov. 15 GTO as an example.
> I'm hoping to speak with someone about how this directive expansion cracks
> down on money laundering in the USA.

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> available in the mornings.

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> Regards,
> Cara

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b(6)

Resolved by: Oyindamola Adegboro

On: 2/12/2019 6:37:21 AM

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 2/26/2019 10:34:43 PM

Resolution

Forwarded the inquiry to the Office of Public Affairs. (8:56 am EST)

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FRC@fincen.gov	(b) (6)	RE: Incident# 317842 RE: Incident# 317842 [EXTERNAL] Re: Press Request-- Dow Jones Mansion Global	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Thanks, I'll close the loop...</p> <p>From: FRC@fincen.gov <FRC@fincen.gov> Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:56 AM To: Hudak, Stephen <stephen.hudak@fincen.gov> Subject: FW: Incident# 317842 [EXTERNAL] Re: Press Request-- Dow Jones Mansion Global</p> <p>Hi Steve – The Regulatory Helpline recently received the inquiry below. In checking our records, a log of the call they mentioned making could not be found in our records. Please assist. Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Hello,</p>

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Resolved by: Oyindamola Adegboro

On: 2/12/2019 6:37:21 AM

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 2/26/2019 10:34:43 PM

Resolution

Forwarded the inquiry to the Office of Public Affairs. (8:56 am EST)

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Email:-

From	To	Subject	Email Message
FRC@fincen.gov	(b) (6)	RE: Incident# 317842 RE: Incident# 317842 [EXTERNAL] Re: Press Request-- Dow Jones Mansion Global	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Thanks, I'll close the loop...</p> <p>From: FRC@fincen.gov <FRC@fincen.gov> Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:56 AM To: Hudak, Stephen <(b) (6)> Subject: FW: Incident# 317842 [EXTERNAL] Re: Press Request-- Dow Jones Mansion Global</p> <p>Hi Steve – The Regulatory Helpline recently received the inquiry below. In checking our records, a log of the call they mentioned making could not be found in our records. Please assist. Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Hello,</p>

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Cara Tabachnick

www.caratabachnick.com

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Incident : 320788 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Peter J Brown

Address:

Brewster, MA

Organization:

Phone: (b) (6)

Email:

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4:

Action:

Source: Email

Organization Type: Individual

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Anthony Dash

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 2/15/2019 11:50:16 AM

Modified by: Anthony Dash

on 2/19/2019 11:48:53 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Asia Times - questions about Bulgaria-based OneCoin Ltd

Description

FinCEN media team,

I am a US-based writer for Hong Kong-based Asia Times. I am writing a story about Bulgaria-based OneCoin Ltd which is alleged to be a massive international hybrid Ponzi scheme. I want to ask FinCEN a few questions. Be aware that I have also sent questions to the FBI and the Office of the Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. Neither has responded thus far.

I am not seeking a phone interview, and prefer to do this by email. My deadline is late next week.

Questions -

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See - Case 1:17-cr-00630-ER Document 19 Filed 10/11/18

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See -

<https://fma.govt.nz/news-and-resources/warnings-and-alerts/onelife-network-limited-and-onecoin-limited/>

3) Did a representative from FinCEN attend either of the first two meetings of the Interpol Darknet and Cryptocurrency Working Group last year? If so, was anything said about OneCoin or OneLife?

Additional comments welcome.

Again, my deadline is late next week.

Thanks

Peter J. Brown
Brewster MA

(b) (6)

Resolved by: Anthony Dash

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 2/19/2019 11:48:52
AM

On: 3/5/2019 10:31:05 PM

Resolution

Forwarded to Public Affairs.

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FRC@fincen.gov	PublicAffairs@fincen.gov	FW: Incident# 320788 [EXTERNAL] Asia Times - questions about Bulgaria-based OneCoin Ltd	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Please see the inquiry below.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>FinCEN media team, I am a US-based writer for Hong Kong-based Asia Times. I am writing a story about Bulgaria-based OneCoin Ltd which is alleged to be a massive international hybrid Ponzi scheme. I want to ask FinCEN a few questions. Be aware that I have also sent questions to the FBI and the Office of the Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. Neither has responded thus far. I am not seeking a phone interview, and prefer to do this by email. My deadline is late next week. Questions - 1) Does the US Financial Crimes Enforcement Network investigate or monitor foreign companies engaged in cryptocurrency offerings which have a history of alleged activities that have been depicted as international hybrid Ponzi schemes? OneCoin was described in a court proceeding last September in US Federal District Court in the Southern District of New York as being this type of entity by Julieta Lozano, Special Assistant United States Attorney. See - Case 1:17-cr-00630-ER Document 19 Filed 10/11/18 2) Is FinCEN aware that more than a dozen countries have issued advisories warning their citizens to avoid participating in investing or participating in OneCoin? To my knowledge, the latest was New Zealand's Financial Markets Authority which issued its scam warning in December. See - https://fma.govt.nz/news-and-resources/warnings-and-alerts/onelife-network-limited-and-onecoin-limited/ 3) Did a representative from FinCEN attend either of the first two meetings of the Interpol Darknet and Cryptocurrency Working Group last year? If so, was anything said about OneCoin or OneLife? Additional comments welcome. Again, my deadline is late next week. Thanks Peter J. Brown Brewster MA (b) (6)</p>
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Incident : 322292 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Maris Kurens

Address:

Organization: Tvnet

Phone: 0000000000000000

Email: (b) (6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4: Default

Source: FRC Other - email

Organization Type: Other

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Oyindamola Adegboro

Action: Referred to FinCEN

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 2/20/2019 5:47:38 AM

Modified by: Oyindamola Adegboro

on 2/22/2019 9:47:45 AM

Summary

MSB Registration/General Questions

Description

Maris Kurens
maris.kurens@co.tvnet.lv

b(6)

Hello!

My name is Maris Kurens, and I am from Latvian news network TVNET. I wanted to get Fincen commentary about Swedish bank "Swedbank" in Latvia.

- Were there any suspicious actions that Fincen observed in latest years where "Swedbank" was involved?
- Do You have any information concerning money laundering in "Swedbank", maybe there are any links to "Danske Bank"?
- Are there signs about more suspicious actions in Latvia?

I'll wait for an answer.

Best regards,
Maris Kurens,
Tvnet.lv

Resolved by: Oyindamola Adegboro

On: 2/22/2019 9:49:03 AM

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 3/9/2019 10:34:45 PM

Resolution

Forwarded the inquiry to the Office of Public Affairs. (8:46 am EST)

Assignment Details:- (No Assignment(s)!!!)

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FRC@fincen.gov

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Incident : 335924 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: joao paulo meneses

Address:

Organization: Macau Business

Phone: 00000000

Email: (b) (6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4: Default

Source: FRC Other - email

Organization Type: Other

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Andres Cardona

Action: Provided Guidance

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 3/19/2019 5:32:32 AM

Modified by: Andres Cardona

on 3/19/2019 9:43:43 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] RE: "Banco Delta Asia"/Macau journalist

Description

João Paulo Meneses
journalist

Macau Business special projects<<http://macaubusiness.com>>

LinkedIn<<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jpmeneses/>>

b(6)

De: joao paulo meneses (b) (6) >

Enviado: 13 de janeiro de 2019 12:57

Para: FRC@fincen.gov

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Hi.

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De: joao paulo meneses (b) (6)

Enviado: 17 de janeiro de 2017 16:37

Para: FRC@fincen.gov

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LinkedIn<https://www.linkedin.com/profile/preview?locale=en_US&trk=prof-0-sb-preview-primary-button>

Resolved by: Andres Cardona

On: 3/19/2019 9:54:06 AM

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 4/2/2019 9:35:40 PM

Resolution

Forwarded the inquiry to the Office of Public Affairs.

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Incident : 337375 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Gary Klien

Address:

Organization: Marin Independent Journal

Phone: (b) (6)

Email:

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4: Default

Source: Email

Organization Type: Other

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Oyindamola Adegboro

Action: Referred to FinCEN

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 3/20/2019 8:06:08 PM

Modified by: Oyindamola Adegboro

on 3/21/2019 7:49:27 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Media inquiry from California

Description

Dear staff:

I'm a reporter in Marin County, California, one of the wealthier counties in the U.S. Do have a record of real estate transactions in Marin that are all-cash or through shell companies?

Also, do you have records on how many Marin property transactions involve foreign buyers?

Thank you.

Gary Klien Reporter | Marin Independent Journal

(b) (6)

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<<https://www.convertly.com/>>

Resolved by: Oyindamola Adegboro

On: 3/21/2019 10:29:47
AM

Closed by: Internal Services

On: 4/4/2019 9:30:15 PM

Resolution

Forwarded the inquiry to the Office of Public Affairs. (2019.03.21, 7:50 am EST)

(Internal Response) Thanks! (2019.03.21, 10:14 am EST)

(Follow-Up Response Provided) You're welcome. (2019.03.21, 10:28 am EST)

Assignment Details:- (No Assignment(s)!!!)

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From	To	Subject	Email Message
FRC@fincen.gov	(b) (6)	RE: Incident# 337375 RE: Incident# 337375 [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry from California	<p>You're welcome.</p> <p>Regards, FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Thanks!</p> <p>From: FRC@fincen.gov <FRC@fincen.gov> Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:51 AM To: Hudak, Stephen <(b) (6)> Subject: FW: Incident# 337375 [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry from California</p> <p>Hi Steve – The Regulatory Helpline recently received the inquiry below. Please assist. Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Dear staff:</p> <p>I'm a reporter in Marin County, California, one of the wealthier counties in the U.S. Do have a record of real estate transactions in Marin that are all-cash or through shell companies?</p>

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FRC@fincen.gov

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Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:51 AM

To: Hudak, Stephen (b) (6) >

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Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Washington, D.C. 20220

June 17, 2019

Case Numbers: FinCEN 19-148-F
goFOIA 2019-06-002

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request dated June 1, 2019, addressed to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) FOIA Office, seeking a copy of the FINCEN Media/Press Inquiry Log for the time period October 1, 2008 to the present.

Please note your request is an overlap of your previous request 19-126-F. Therefore, we processed from the date of that request 04/20/19 – 06/01/19. 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. Please refer to the Applicable Exemptions list at the end of this letter that identifies the authority for withholding the exempt material, which is indicated by a mark appearing in the block next to the exemption. An additional enclosure with this letter explains these exemptions in more detail.

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing this request because the fees incurred do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge.

Administrative Appeal

In the event that you wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to FOIA FinCEN P.O. Box 39 Vienna, VA 22183. Please be sure to clearly mark “FOIA/PA Appeal” on both the letter and envelope. Your appeal **must be submitted within 90 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed should be prominently marked “FOIA Appeal.” Please note that the determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

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Sincerely,



Rosemary Law
FOIA Officer

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Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552)

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Enclosures



Incident : 363660 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Internal Services

Address:

Organization:

Phone: 1

Email: InternalServices@saasitdemo.com

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4:

Action:

Source: Email

Organization Type: Other

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Anthony Dash

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 5/8/2019 9:23:56 AM

Modified by: Anthony Dash

on 5/8/2019 10:17:07 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Re: Forbes Inquiry for Kevin O'Connor

Description

Hello,
I'm emailing to follow up on my note below.

Thanks,
Jeff Kauflin
(212) 620-1870

From: Kauflin, Jeff <jkauflin@forbes.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 6:50 AM
To: FRC@fincen.gov
Subject: Forbes Inquiry for Kevin O'Connor

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Jeff Kauflin

Staff Writer, Money & Markets, Forbes

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On: 5/8/2019 10:17:07 AM

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On: 5/22/2019 9:31:19 PM

Resolution

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FRC@fincen.gov	PublicAffairs@fincen.gov	FW: Incident# 363660 [EXTERNAL] Re: Forbes Inquiry for Kevin O'Connor	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Please see the inquiry below.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>FinCEN's Resource Center</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm emailing to follow up on my note below.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Jeff Kauflin b(6)</p> <p>From: Kauflin, Jeff <jkauflin@forbes.com></p>

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Incident : 370785 (Closed)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Cecilia Boufflet

Address:

Organization: Press/Canal 13

Phone: 000000000000

Email: b(6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4:

Action:

Source: FRC Other - email

Organization Type:

Contact Type: Press

Status: Closed

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Andres Cardona

Audit Info	Created by: Email Listener	on 5/23/2019 4:44:17 PM
	Modified by: Andres Cardona	on 5/24/2019 8:37:16 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] Press Contact from Argentina

Description

Hello

I'm contacting you from Argentina.

My name is Cecilia Boufflet, I'm a journalist from Canal 13, Grupo Clarin.

We are interested in make an interview with Fincen authorities to know about the Cleptocracy Initiative.

Argentina press had had reported that the US government have an investigation in process. We understand that you don't make comments about investigation in process, but we are interested in undestand how the initiative works.

Thank you for your time,

Cecilia Boufflet

www.vil-metal.com <<http://www.vil-metal.com/>>

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@ceciliaboufflet

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On: 5/24/2019 8:37:16 AM

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On: 6/7/2019 9:31:44 PM

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Incident : 373666 (Resolved)

Customer Details:-

Customer: Sarah Gibbons

Address:

Organization: International News Service

Phone: 0000000000

Email: b(6)

Incident Details:-

Service: FRC Helpline

Category: Other

Subcategory: Assistance

Subcategory 4:

Action:

Source: FRC Other - email

Organization Type: Individual

Contact Type: Press

Status: Resolved

Team: Resource Center Helpline

Owner: Andres Cardona

Audit Info

Created by: Email Listener

on 5/31/2019 7:06:55 PM

Modified by: Andres Cardona

on 6/3/2019 11:32:31 AM

Summary

[EXTERNAL] press query AI AML

Description

Good evening from the UK,

I wonder if you can help me please with an article I'm writing for professionals working in AML roles around the world.

I'm looking to see if artificial intelligence is genuinely being used effectively or if many technological solutions are simply analytical tools without the use of machine learning, NLP or robotics marketed using the AI buzzword.

I'm keen to hear views on what the regulatory limitations might be on institutions using AI and how I believe your organisation is actively encouraging innovation.

Anything you could share ASAP would be much appreciated.

many thanks and best wishes.

Sarah Gibbons

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On: 6/3/2019 11:32:30 AM

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Resolution

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