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re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION request to Secret Service about violence against civilians

Dear FOIA Officer:

I am an independent postdoctoral researcher and Gorilla Advocate for human and civil rights. I share the results of my investigations with the media and the government. I act to protect the public against abuses of power and government brutality.

On November 10, 2014, a Secret Service agent escorting former C.I.A. Director and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta from his book talk at Peace United Church of Christ — where a peaceful non-violent protest against him occurred claiming he is a war criminal — committed assault and battery on Santa Cruz Indymedia reporter Alex Darocy (according to his own report and that of objective witnesses). Darocy describes that event as linked to below:

<http://www.fccsantacruz.org/FCCSantaCruz/index.php/contact-us>

[https://contact.indybay.org/newsitems/2014/11/11/18764023.php?show\\_comments=1](https://contact.indybay.org/newsitems/2014/11/11/18764023.php?show_comments=1)

**Consequently, I am submitting a FREEDOM OF INFORMATION request under 5 U.S.C. §552 (commonly known as the FOIA). Pursuant to the FOIA I ask for the following:**

- **all incident reports about Secret Service agents using any form of violence against civilians — like journalists — in the United States between January 1, 2013 and today, November 20, 2014.**
- **all reviews, (summary) reports and memoranda about Secret Service agents using any form of violence against civilians — like journalists — in the United States between January 1, 2013 and today, November 20, 2014.**
- **all emails to/from the Secret Service about incidents in which Secret Service agents used any form of violence against civilians — like journalists — in the United States between January 1, 2013 and today, November 20, 2014.**
- **the roster of the Secret Service detail — along with bios and**

**photographs — the agents who accompanied and protected Leon Panetta on the night on November 10th, 2014 at Peace United Church of Christ for his book promotion sponsored by Bookshop Santa Cruz owned by the Coonerty clan (which spawned two Santa Cruz mayors and two Santa Cruz County supervisors).**

I ask that all records available in an electronic format be provided to me electronically on one or more CD's.

I am willing to pay fees up to \$50. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

However, I request a waiver of all fees for this request. I believe disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it will likely contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

**Specifically, I intend to share this material with the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, Congress, the news media to whom I have carbon copied this request, nonprofit (legal) advocacy organizations for their dissemination of information — and to learn how they may better serve their constituents/clients — about the Secret Service abusing civilians — especially journalists — on American soil, violating their civil rights under color of law. Secret Service agents are supposed to be the most competent and professional of all law enforcement agents (since they protect high government officials and regularly interact with the public). Abusive violence by rogue Secret Service agents cannot be tolerated by Congress and the American people: they must be held to an extremely high standard of conduct.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request to facilitate justice for any civilians abused by the Secret Service, especially journalists.

**I also ask that the Secret Service not retaliate against me, independent journalist Alex Darocy and any (potential) witnesses to this incident for exercising my Freedom of Information rights under the FOIA.**

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