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Carney Anne Chester

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Sent Via Email

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Dear Ms. Chester:

Freedom of
Information

Per your May 11, 2011, conversation with Mrs. Celeste Camp, Assistant FOIA Director, she explained because this is a pending investigation, at this time, we are unable to release anything other than application for licenses, inspection reports and certificates. You agreed to allow this office to close out your request with this response. If, at a later date, you need this information you would submit a new FOIA request.

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Please be advised that the information you have requested is involved in an ongoing investigation, therefore, the information is being withheld under FOIA Exemption 7(A), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A). This exemption protects from disclosure records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement activities.

You may appeal our no records determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-402 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this initial determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. KeWanda McCain of my staff at (301) 734-4893.

Sincerely,

for:

Tonya G. Woods
Director

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