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Dear Ms. Christensen:

This is in response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFW) referral of 42 pages found in response to your October 15, 2008, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for "all investigative reports and other case records related to "Amazon Trail," an investigation of parrot smuggling conducted by USFW Special Agent Lisa Nichols, based in San Diego, and/or other USFW agents." You also stated "the USFW case led to the August 24, 2004, arrest and conviction of Joel Valencia." The USFW's letter and referral pages were received in our office on December 8, 2009, and assigned FOIA 10-131.

We have reviewed the 42 pages and determined that two pages related to Joel Valencia. The remaining 40 pages are outside the scope as they pertained to matters concerning other individuals. We do not consider our determination a denial of your request. If you wish to obtain the remaining pages, please send your FOIA request to 4700 River Road Unit 50, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1232.

Should you have questions, please contact _____ of this staff at (301) 734-3257.

Sincerely,

Katy Wagner
for Celeste Camp

Acting Director
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