



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Terry Torrance

July 7, 2011

Marketing and
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Dear Ms. Torrance:

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

This is our response to your April 19, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all owner/shipper papers, VS 10-13, and copies of all VS 17-145, for horses to slaughter by or for Keith Tongen of Minnesota. Your request was received in this office on April 19, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-425. We apologize for the delay of this response.

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Information

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 364 pages of responsive records which are contained on the enclosed CD-ROM. However, information is being withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically being withheld are signatures and information identifiable to an individual.

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Please be advised this office has determined that the following pages have been removed because they are not responsive to your request: Bate Stamp Numbers FOIA 11-425_000009, FOIA 11-425_000038, FOIA 11-425_000157 and FOIA 11-425_000292.

You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be 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 11-425 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kacie Edwards of my staff at (301) 734-5385.

Sincerely,

Tonya G. Woods

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Director
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