FOI #15812

Northeastern University

College *of* Social Sciences and Humanities

February 11, 2015

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Corporate Offices
Attention: Records
225 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10003

To Whom It May Concern:

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

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I am a doctoral candidate in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University working under James Alan Fox, The Lipman Family Professor of Criminology, Law and Public Policy. My work focuses on art crime and, more specifically, my dissertation seeks to provide a better understanding of the patterns of art theft in the United States, as well as the investigative tools that most effectively lead to stolen art recovery. This project involves examining and analyzing information in police theft reports.

I understand that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey handled a case of art theft that fits the criteria of my research and I would like to request access to the records indicated below. In the interest of protecting the victim(s), I do not need identifying information. However, it would help to know the classification of the victim as a museum, gallery, educational institution, private owner, business, religious institution, or other (please specify). Northeastern University's Institutional Review Board has evaluated and approved this research (IRB#: 14-08-10).

It would be preferable if the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey could provide a copy. Alternatively, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Art Crime Team has indicated that they are willing to release their own copy of the records if consent is given by the appropriate authority at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Please see the enclosed release form for further details.

REPORT NUMBER	**DATE OF THEFT**
00628043-D	June 13, 1990

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Melody Burmon
Doctoral Student

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF POLICE REPORTS AND RECORDS

This form hereby authorizes the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Art Crime Team to deliver, disclose, and release to Kate Melody Burmon all records pertaining to the below list of theft report numbers. As a note, this authorization is on the condition that all identifying victim information must be redacted prior to release.

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Signature: _____

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Date Signed: _____

Please return this completed form to Kate Melody Burmon. It may be scanned and emailed to [redacted] or, if preferred, it may be mailed to:

Kate Melody Burmon
[redacted]

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

FOI Administrator

March 12, 2015

Ms. Kate Melody Burmon
Northeastern University
[redacted]

Re: Freedom of Information Reference No. 15812

Dear Ms. Burmon:

This is a response to your February 11, 2015 request, which has been processed under the Port Authority's Freedom of Information Code, copy enclosed, for copies of records related to report number 00628043 dated June 13, 1990.

Please be advised that we have searched our files and found no documents responsive to the request.

Please refer to the above FOI reference number in any future correspondence relating to your request.

Sincerely,

Danny Ng
FOI Administrator

Enclosure

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