

Your Honor,

I am a private U.S. citizen and a journalist specialized in Military Aviation History. One of my related web sites contains visitor information and also distant photos of a military base known as Area 51.

Without a warning, on November 3, 2022 a joint task force of FBI and USAF OSI raided two of my homes in a very heavy handed manner. Three doors and a gate were destroyed, as well as furniture and other items inside the homes. Over \$20,000 worth of my property, including three computers and several backup drives, were seized.

During the raid me and my girlfriend, two unarmed and fully cooperating senior citizens, were detained, interrogated, repeatedly lied to and treated in a very disrespectful manner. I will gladly elaborate upon request.

During the raid I requested to be given a backup of my main computer, which contains vital medical information, financial files, passwords, all memories of my deceased parents and other important data. That request was denied. Since then myself and my attorney have made numerous requests for that data with the FBI. We never even heard back from the FBI. The search warrant specifically states that the FBI has to provide copies of seized digital data upon request. So, ignoring our requests is a blatant violation of the search warrant by the investigating agency.

Also, a Senior Airman of the USAF OSI signed the receipt for my seized property, effectively taking custody of my property. The OSI does not have jurisdiction over civilian U.S. citizens, so I believe the seizure of my material to be illegal.

I am not aware of having committed a crime. 3 ½ months after the raid I have not been charged and in fact I have not even heard from the investigating agents. My request to be reimbursed for over \$5,500 in damage was denied.

I herewith seek your help with reimbursement for the damage caused in the raid and the immediate return of my illegally seized property. Or at least to be provided a copy of my digital data. The loss of that data has already cost me in the tens of thousands in losses on my investments.

The agents involved are FBI special agent Chase Blevins from the Las Vegas office and USAF OSI Senior Airman Jeff Frazier.

Thank you for your time. Very respectfully yours

Joerg H Arnau