

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

This responds to your letter, dated December 17, 2018, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding the investigation into the shooting of Mr. Bijan Ghaisar. We apologize for the delay in responding.

As you recognized in your letter, you are requesting information relating to an ongoing investigation so the FBI is limited in what it can provide at this time. This is a complex case and the FBI must take the time necessary to conduct all interviews, examine all evidence, and analyze lab results. Significant investigative and forensics actions were required and those activities continue. The FBI is committed to ensuring thoroughness and completeness in this and all investigations it conducts. This investigation is proceeding consistent with other investigations of a similar nature, general size, and complexity. Pursuant to long-standing FBI and Department of Justice policy and practice, the FBI cannot comment further on the investigation because it remains ongoing. Prematurely releasing information could jeopardize the investigation and any subsequent judicial proceedings.

Thank you for your support of the FBI, its mission, and its people.

Sincerely,

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