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Hi Ms Massey,

My name is Ben Tetzlaff. I have been a close follower of all the terrain theory doctors (Kaufman, Cowan, Bailey, Vollmer, etc) speaking out about the virus fraud for the last two years, and in the process have found the work of you and your colleagues, which I highly appreciate.

It inspired me to submit a request of my own to the Massachusetts Department of Health regarding how they diagnosed their first monkeypox patient, as they reportedly had the first confirmed case in the United States. As you can see below, I simply asked for documents pertaining to the DNA sequences used in their PCR test, what the cycle threshold was, and where the study was showing they isolated it (even giving them wiggle room by allowing them to submit a BS cell culture as proof). This information has been public about the alleged SARS COV 2 for years.

I think their response is pretty telling. I saw on your website that you recently started collecting FOIA requests about this topic and thought this would be a good addition. I removed my address and phone number for privacy reasons from the emails/attachment.

Hope you're doing well and thank you for all that you do.

-Ben Tetzlaff
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Good afternoon,

Please find the attached documents in response to your recent public records request.

Thank you,

Monica

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Name: Benjamin Tetzlaff

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Summary of Request: Recently, a rare case of monkeypox infection in the United States was confirmed in Massachusetts, both by the MA Department of Health and the CDC, as described in this press release:
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2022/han00466.asp>

I request the document or documents that contain the following items:

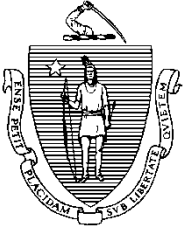
- the target DNA sequences of the qPCR protocol used in the diagnosis of the monkeypox patient referenced in the aforementioned press release, and what genes of the virus those sequences represent.
- the cycle threshold used in the qPCR process for this patient
- the process of the isolation of the virus from the patient, whether by density gradient ultracentrifugation, cell culture, or any other means.

Thank you in advance.

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June 7, 2022

Via Electronic Mail: coincidencetheorist99@gmail.com
Benjamin Tetzlaff

Re: Public Record Request [BIDLS-2022-65]

Dear Benjamin Tetzlaff:

This letter is in regard to the above referenced public record request (PRR) received by the Department of Public Health (the “Department” or “DPH”) on May 23, 2022. This request has been assigned a tracking number: **BIDLS-2022-65**. Specifically, you requested:

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In regard to your first and second requests, DPH has identified two to four potentially responsive documents. These documents are withheld from this response because they relate to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Laboratory Resource Network (LRN). The LRN is described by the CDC as a national security asset.¹ Additionally, these documents relate to testing of monkeypox virus, the Central African clade of which is identified by the Federal Select

¹ <https://emergency.cdc.gov/lrn/>

Agent Program as a select agent determined to have the potential to pose a severe threat to both human and animal health.² Accordingly, this information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to G. L. c. 4, § 7 (26)(n) as these records relate to security measures, emergency preparedness, and threat or vulnerability assessments, disclosure of which, in the reasonable judgment of the Department, is likely to jeopardize public safety or cyber security.

Additionally, this information relates to the Department's ongoing monkeypox investigations and therefore is withheld pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, clause 26(f) as the disclosure of information related to ongoing infectious disease investigations could compromise future investigative efforts and, therefore, is not in the public interest. Moreover, Exemption (f) allows investigative officials to provide an assurance of confidentiality to private citizens so that they will speak openly about matters under investigation.

In regard to your third request, the Department does not have a record responsive to your request.

DPH reserves the right to retrieve any exempted, privileged, or otherwise protected materials inadvertently included in this production. Any such production is not, and shall not be considered or deemed, a waiver of any applicable privileges or protections from disclosure.

DPH now considers this public records request closed. If you wish to challenge this response, and your request was received in writing, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Records following the procedure set forth in 950 CMR 32.08, a copy of which is attached. Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10A, you may also seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

Please contact me with any questions. In any communication regarding this request, please reference the assigned tracking number: **BIDLS-2022-65**.

Sincerely,

Gillian A. Haney, MPH Director

Director of the Division of Surveillance, Analytics and Informatics (DSAI)

Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

cc: Helen Rush-Lloyd, Records Access Officer
Ann Scales, Director Media Relations

² <https://www.selectagents.gov/sat/list.htm>