

# [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Request for assistance regarding the FBI Pipe Bomb Investigation and Data provided by AT&T

Tuesday, March 18, 2025  
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Subject	[EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Request for assistance regarding the FBI Pipe Bomb Investigation and Data provided by AT&T
From	[REDACTED] (Legal)
To	[REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)
Sent	Tuesday, March 18, 2025 10:47 AM

Good morning, [REDACTED],

Again, my apologies for the delay. Please see the below statement:

“When the AT&T Public Sector team received notice that the January 11th preservation request was forthcoming, it was late in the night. Knowing that this data would likely be purged at midnight Eastern Time, the Public Sector employee attempted to preserve more precise location data, which was available to them. We refer to this dataset as Timing Advance Data (TA), which provides the distance between mobile devices and the cell tower it is interacting with. At that time, our Public Sector employee understood that the TA data was subject to a seven-day retention period, and accordingly the January 5th data was in jeopardy of being purged in a matter of hours. Knowing that he had limited time before this retention period would expire for records associated with January 5th, the Public Sector employee acted as quickly as he could and attempted to preserve the TA data for Jan 5th and 6th in response to the January 11th preservation request. The server the employee used for processing the preservation request for the TA data crashed due to the query producing large amounts of data. This is what he referred to as corrupted data in his January 20th email. The employee could not preserve the January 5th TA data before it was purged. In the January 20th email, the Public Sector employee therefore notified the FBI that, in his words, that data for January 5th was corrupted and “cannot be restored.” To be clear, our Public Sector team never provided the FBI corrupted data concerning the January 5th pipe bomb incident. Importantly, and it bears repeating, AT&T did not produce corrupt data to the FBI in response to any legal demand from the FBI that we may have received related to the January 5th pipe bomb incident, and, as noted, such demand(s) may be subject to a nondisclosure order.”

Happy to discuss further via phone or Teams.

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Assistant Vice President – Senior Legal Counsel

**AT&T Public Sector & FirstNet**

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@att.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:44 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]. (CG) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI) <[REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Check in

The Data for January 5<sup>th</sup> was corrupted and cannot be restored; all we have is the 6<sup>th</sup>.

[REDACTED]

Program Manager, CISSP

AT&T Public Safety Division

Cell- [REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]. (CG) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:39 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@att.com>; [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Subject:** Check in

Hi guys,

[REDACTED] and I are in the WFO command post now for [REDACTED] (took over for a few of the agents who left the other day). We were just hoping to check and see if there were any update re the [REDACTED] info. If it's easier to call to discuss, my cell is below.

Thanks in advance!

[REDACTED]

Special Agent

FBI - Chicago

Violent Crime / Fugitive Task Force

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For [REDACTED] Assistance, please use:

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@att.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: WFO Pipebomb Investigation question

Attached are the requested records. Call me tomorrow if you need any assistance understanding the data.

[REDACTED]  
Program Manager, CISSP  
AT&T Public Safety Division  
Cell- [REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@att.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
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Thank you!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@att.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:44 PM  
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I will get this to you tomorrow.

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**From:** ██████████. (WF) (FBI) ██████████@fbi.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:25:39 PM

**To:** ██████████ ██████████@att.com>

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██████████@fbi.gov>

**Subject:** WFO Pipebomb Investigation question

██████████,

██████████ from ██████████. I have been assigned as the SSA overseeing the FBI pipebomb case at WFO. The ██████████ people told me the ██████████ data for the geofence order was corrupt and lost for 1/5/21. Is this lost data for just the geofence request? Is ██████████ available for individual phones of interest during the same period of time and locations? Is it all ██████████ data for 1/5/21?

I am just trying to figure out if we have options as we develop targets of interest. ██████████ would be extremely help if we had some specific times and general locations for a possible suspect.

Any clarification would be helpful. As always, thanks for everything.

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FBI Washington Field  
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**U.S. Department of Justice**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington Field Office  
January 8, 2021

WF- [REDACTED]

AT&T Wireless

Global Legal Demands Center

11760 U.S. Highway 1,

North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Attn: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]@att.com

Re: Request for Preservation of Records

Dear AT&T Wireless:

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2703(f), this letter is a formal request for the preservation of all records and information with certain cellular towers ("cell towers") that is in the possession, custody, and/or control of AT&T Wireless at the following two locations:

Date	Times	Latitude	Longitude
05 Jan. 2021	7:30pm - 8:00pm	38.88429	-77.00860
05 Jan. 2021	8:00pm - 8:30pm	38.88564	-77.00562

I request that you not disclose the existence of this request to the subscriber or any other person, other than as necessary to comply with this request. If compliance with this request might result in a permanent or temporary termination of service to the Account(s), or otherwise alert any user of the Account(s) as to your actions to preserve the information described below, please contact me as soon as possible and before taking action.

I request that you preserve, for a period of 90 days, the information described below currently in your possession in a form that includes the complete record. This request applies only retrospectively. It does not in any way obligate you to capture and preserve new information that arises after the date of this request. Furthermore, this request does not obligate you to produce any information at this time. This request applies to the following items, whether in electronic or other form, including information stored on backup media, if available:

1. All records and other information relating to the Account(s) and any associated accounts including the following:
  - a. Names (including subscriber names, user names, and screen names);
  - b. Addresses (including mailing addresses, residential addresses, business addresses, and e-mail addresses);
  - c. Local and long distance telephone connection records;
  - d. Records of session times and durations;
  - e. Length of service (including start date) and types of service utilized;
  - f. Telephone or instrument numbers (including MAC addresses, Electronic Serial Numbers ("ESN"), Mobile Electronic Identity Numbers ("MEIN"), Mobile Equipment Identifiers ("MEID"), Mobile Identification Numbers ("MIN"), Subscriber Identity Modules ("SIM"), Mobile Subscriber Integrated Services Digital Network Numbers ("MSISDN"), International Mobile Subscriber Identifiers ("IMSI"), or International Mobile Station Equipment Identities ("IMEI"));
  - g. Other subscriber numbers or identities (including temporarily assigned network addresses, registration Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses, and records showing IP addresses used to access the Account(s)); and
  - h. Means and source of payment for such service (including any credit card or bank account number) and billing records.
3. All data about which "cell towers" (i.e., antenna towers covering specific geographic areas) and "sectors" (i.e., faces of the towers) received a radio signal from each cellular telephone or device assigned to the Account.

4. Any location related data that would provide addition information in reference to the IMSI/MEID connected to the tower during the time period requested. This would include any estimated latitude and longitude of the device. Any estimates in relation to the device's distance from the cell site. This information is referred to as many different things that are not limited to but shall include, any PCMD (Per Call Measurement Detail), RTT (Round-trip Time), NELOS (Network Event Location System), or data associated with the E-911 system.

If you have questions regarding this request, please call me at either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Supervisory Special Agent  
Washington Field Office

By:

[REDACTED]  
FBI Special Agent  
Washington Field Office