

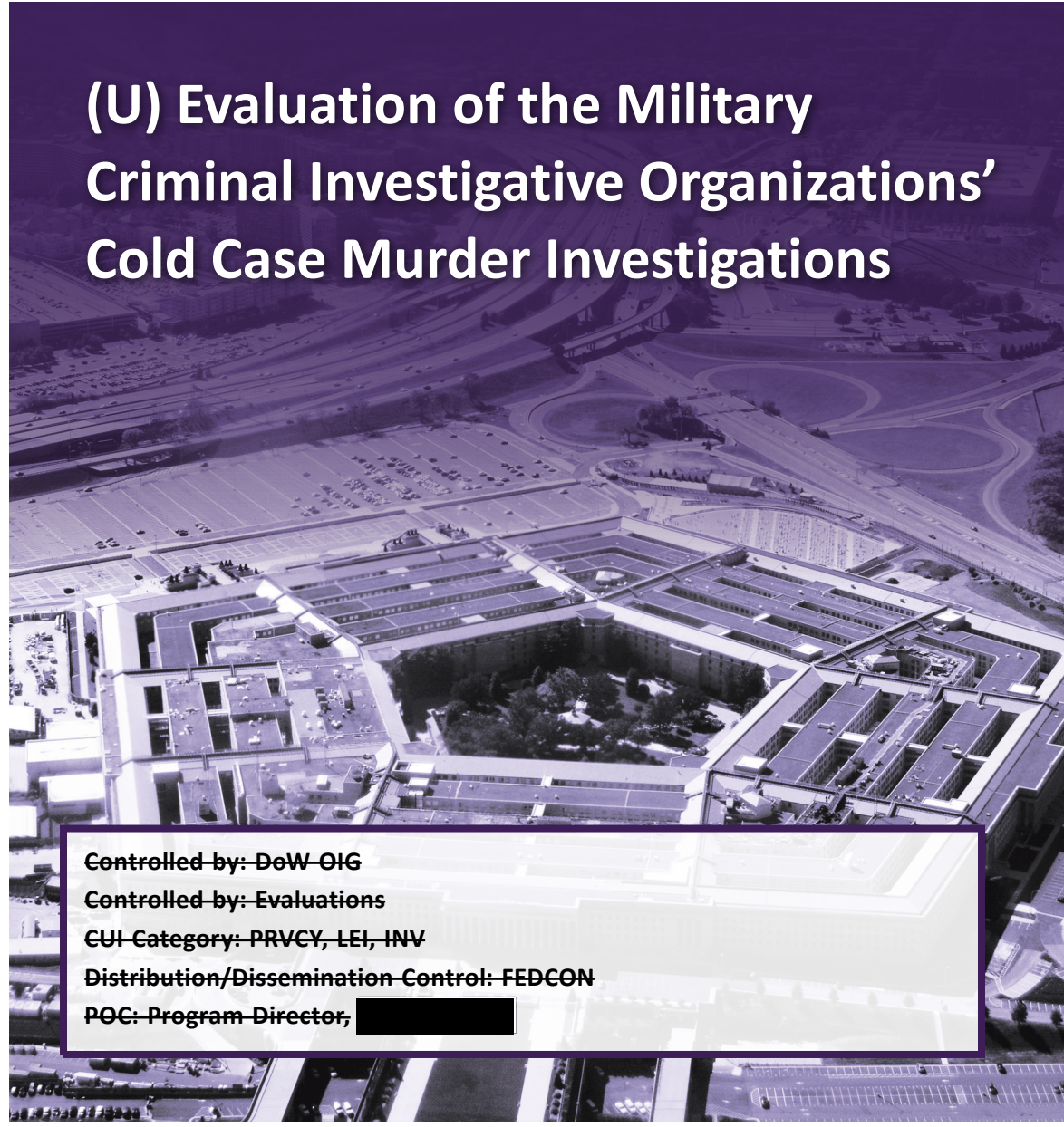


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(U) Results in Brief

(U) Evaluation of the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations' Cold Case Murder Investigations

June 15, 2026

(U) Objective

(U) The objective of this evaluation was to determine if the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (MCIOs) complied with Public Law 117-164 (PL 117-164), "Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act of 2021," and DoD Instruction 5505.10, "Criminal Investigations of Noncombat Deaths," March 16, 2023, when reviewing and reinvestigating cold case murders. The MCIOs are the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division (DACID), Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), and Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI).

(U) Background

(U) PL 117-164 allows a "designated person" of a murder victim—an immediate family member or someone similarly situated—the right to request a review of the cold case murder investigation. DoDI 5505.10 implements PL 117-164 for the DoW by establishing procedures for MCIO personnel investigating cold case murders and annual reporting of cold case murder statistics to Congress.

(U) Findings

(U) We determined that MCIO personnel generally reviewed cold case murder requests for reviews and reinvestigations in compliance with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. However, for one case, the cold case murder investigation was not reviewed within 6 months, which delayed closure for families and next of kin.

(U) Findings (cont'd)

(U) In addition, we determined that MCIO personnel did not submit cold case murder statistic reports to Congress annually as required by PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. This occurred because MCIO personnel incorrectly interpreted the reporting requirements of PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 and believed the statistics were due to Congress in 2025 instead of 2023, 1 year after Congress approved the law. Without MCIO annual reporting, Congress could not assess how effectively the DoW implemented PL 117-164 to include whether investigators updated cold case murder investigations or used modern technologies to analyze evidence. Additionally, Congress could not determine whether PL 117-164 reviews and reinvestigations assisted family members with finding justice for DoW cold cases.

(U) Recommendations

(U) We recommend that the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service Director, and Air Force Office of Special Investigations Commander develop and implement procedures to annually report cold case murder statistics to Congress in accordance with Public Law 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10.

(U) Management Comments and Our Response

(U) The DACID, Mission Operations Directorate, Executive Assistant Director, responding for the DACID Director; the NCIS Deputy Director, responding for the NCIS Director; and a Special Agent, responding for the AFOSI Commander, agreed with all the recommendations. The recommendations are resolved but will remain open. We will close the recommendations when we verify that management has implemented the corrective actions. Please see the Recommendations Table on the next page for the status of the recommendations.

(U) Recommendations Table

(U) Management	Recommendations Unresolved	Recommendations Resolved	Recommendations Closed
Director, Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division	None	B.1.a	None
Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service	None	B.1.b	None
Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations	None	B.1.c	None (U)

(U) Note: The following categories are used to describe agency management’s comments to individual recommendations.

- **(U) Unresolved** – Management has not agreed to implement the recommendation or has not proposed actions that will address the recommendation.
- **(U) Resolved** – Management agreed to implement the recommendation or has proposed actions that will address the underlying finding that generated the recommendation.
- **(U) Closed** – The DoW OIG verified that the agreed-upon corrective actions were implemented.



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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
DIRECTOR, NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE
COMMANDER, AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

SUBJECT: (U) Evaluation of the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations' Cold Case Murder Investigations (Report No. DOWIG-2026-091)

(U) This final report provides the results of the DoW Office of Inspector General's evaluation. We previously provided copies of the draft report and requested written comments on the recommendations. We considered management's comments on the draft report when preparing the final report. These comments are included in the report.

(U) The DACID, Mission Operations Directorate, Executive Assistant Director, responding for the DACID Director; the NCIS Deputy Director, responding for the NCIS Director; and a Special Agent, responding for AFOSI Commander; agreed to address all the recommendations in the report. Therefore, we consider the recommendations resolved and open. We will close the recommendations when you provide us documentation showing that all agreed-upon actions to implement the recommendations are completed. Therefore, please provide us within 90 days your response concerning specific actions in process or completed on the recommendations. Send your responses to [REDACTED]

(U) If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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(U) Introduction

(U) Objective

(U) The objective of this evaluation was to determine if the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (MCIOs) complied with Public Law 117-164 (PL 117-164), the “Homicide Victims’ Families’ Rights Act of 2021;” and DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5505.10, “Criminal Investigations of Noncombat Deaths,” when reviewing and reinvestigating cold case murders.¹ The following comprise the MCIOs.

- (U) Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division (DACID)
- (U) Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)
- (U) Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI)

(U) Background

(U) Public Law 117-164

(U) PL 117-164 allows a “designated person” of murder victims the right to request a review of a cold case murder investigation.² PL 117-164 defines the term “murder” as “any criminal offense under section 1111(a) of title 18, United States Code, or any offense the elements of which are substantially identical to such section.”³ It also defines a “cold case murder” as a murder:

- (U) committed more than 3 years prior to the date of a request for review by a designated person,
- (U) previously investigated by a Federal law enforcement entity,
- (U) for which all probative investigative leads have been exhausted, and
- (U) for which no likely perpetrator has been identified.

(U) After a designated person submits a written request for review, PL 117-164 mandates that the head of a Federal investigative agency must review the requested cold case murder investigation and determine whether a full reinvestigation would result in either the identification of probative investigative leads or a likely perpetrator.

¹ (U) Public Law 117-164, “Homicide Victims’ Families’ Rights Act of 2021,” August 3, 2022.

(U) DoDI 5505.10, “Criminal Investigation of Noncombat Deaths,” March 16, 2023.

(U) This report contains information that has been redacted because it was identified by the Department of War as Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) that is not releasable outside the Executive Branch. CUI is Government-created or owned unclassified information that allows for, or requires, safeguarding and dissemination controls in accordance with laws, regulations, or Government-wide policies.

² (U) Public Law 117-164 defines a “designated person” as an immediate family member or someone similarly situated, as defined by the Attorney General, and defines an “immediate family member” as a parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, sibling, spouse, child, or stepchild of a murder victim. For the purposes of this report, the term “requestor” refers to someone who submitted a request and may or may not qualify as a designated person.

³ (U) Section 1111(a), title 18, United States Code, defines murder as “the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought.” The statute further defines what differentiates between first degree and second degree murder.

(U) PL 117-164 requires that cold case murder reviews will include:

- (U) an analysis of what investigative steps or follow-up steps may have been missed in the initial investigation,
- (U) an assessment of whether witnesses should be interviewed or reinterviewed,
- (U) an examination of physical evidence to see if all appropriate forensic testing and analysis was performed in the first instance or if additional testing might produce information relevant to the investigation, and
- (U) an update of the case file using the most current investigative standards as of the date of the review, to the extent it would help develop probative leads.

(U) PL 117-164 directs a Federal agency to complete case file reviews no later than 6 months after the receipt of the written application. A Federal agency may extend the review period for an additional 6 months if the number of case files to review would take an unreasonable amount of resources from other law enforcement activities. PL 117-164 also directs Federal agency personnel to consult with the requesting designated person and provide them with periodic updates during the case file review and full reinvestigation.

(U) PL 117-164 also directs Federal agencies to annually report their cold case murder related statistics to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. PL 117-164 became law in August 2022; however, it does not provide a specific reporting date for the annual report.

(U) DoW Policy and Requirements for the Public Law

(U) DoDI 5505.10 establishes policies and procedures for investigating all noncombat deaths within the DoW, including those under the jurisdiction of the MCIOs. It also implements PL 117-164 and details procedures for MCIO personnel investigating cold case murders. Procedures include reviewing case files, reinvestigating cases when applicable, and providing case murder statistics to Congress.

(U) Finding A

(U) MCIIO Personnel Generally Complied with Public Law and DoW Policy

(U) MCIIO personnel generally complied with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 for reviewing and reinvestigating cold case murder investigations. MCIIO personnel reviewed cold case murder investigations following written requests from designated persons. MCIIO personnel received eight requests for review since the implementation of PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 requirements. We reviewed all eight cold case murder requests for review from August 3, 2022, to November 14, 2024, and determined that MCIIO personnel complied with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 for 87.5 percent (7 of 8) of the requests. For 12.5 percent (1 of 8) of the requests, MCIIO personnel did not review the investigation within 6 months of receiving the request for review, as required by PL 117-64 and DoDI 5505.10. As a result of not reviewing the investigation within 6 months, closure for families and next of kin and the determination for reinvestigation were delayed.⁴

(U) MCIIO Personnel Generally Reviewed Cold Case Murder Requests in Accordance with Public Law 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10

(U) MCIIO personnel generally reviewed cold case murder requests in accordance with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 direct agencies to review a victim's cold case murder investigation after a designated person submits a written request for review or reinvestigation.

(U) According to PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10, MCIIO personnel must review cold case murder investigations to identify probative investigative leads, identify suspects, or analyze evidence with modern methods. When appropriate, the goal of the review is to develop new leads and reinvestigate a case with a new investigator not originally involved with the original investigation. PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 also direct agencies to periodically update requestors and submit annual reports to Congress.

⁴ (U) For each of the eight cases, we reviewed whether the MCIIOs complied with the four required elements in PL 117-164. We did not conduct a full review of the entire case for investigative sufficiency.

(U) From August 3, 2022, to November 14, 2024, MCIO personnel received eight cold case murder requests for review related to eight cold case murder investigations. We reviewed the eight cold case murder investigations—seven from DACID and one from AFOSI—to determine whether MCIO personnel complied with the PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 requirements.⁵

(U) We determined that MCIO personnel received eight requests for review and reviewed all eight associated investigations. We also determined that MCIO personnel contacted the requestors to discuss their request, as required by PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10.

(U) MCIO Personnel Determined That for Six Cases, Individuals Other Than a Designated Person Requested a Review, or the Cold Case Was Not a Murder

(U) For 75 percent (6 of 8) of the requests for review, MCIO personnel determined that the requests were from individuals other than a designated person or the investigation did not relate to a cold case murder victim. MCIO personnel determined that the requestors of these investigations did not meet the requirements for requesting a review or reinvestigation because the requestors were not designated family members in accordance with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. MCIO personnel notified the requestors that they were not qualified to request a review or reinvestigation of a cold case murder victim and that the MCIOs were not required to perform a review or reinvestigation.

(U) MCIO Personnel Determined that a Case Met the Criteria for Reinvestigation and Tested Evidence

~~(CUI)~~ For 12.5 percent (1 of 8) of the requests for review, DACID personnel reviewed the original investigative file. PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 require DACID personnel to examine evidence, ensure that all appropriate forensic testing was originally performed, and determine whether additional testing might produce relevant investigative information. Additionally, PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 require MCIO personnel to update the case file using current investigative standards. Therefore, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Based on the DACID reinvestigation, we determined that DACID personnel complied with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10.

⁵ (U) NCIS did not have any requests for review or reinvestigation during the time frame of this evaluation.

(U) MCIO Personnel Determined that One Case Met the Criteria for Reinvestigation but Did Not Review the Case in a Timely Manner

(U) For the remaining 12.5 percent (1 of 8) of the requests for review, DACID personnel did not comply with requirements in PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 because they did not review the investigation within 6 months of receiving a valid request for review from a designated person. Instead, DACID personnel started the review approximately 8 months after receipt of the request for review. DACID personnel also did not obtain a 6-month extension as required by PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10.

(U) Based on our review, we determined that DACID personnel were deployed when the request was made, which contributed to the delayed investigative review and response to the requestor. Despite the late notification, we did not make a recommendation because DACID personnel ultimately responded to the requestor and reinvestigated the case. As a result of the investigation not having been reviewed by DACID personnel within 6 months, closure for families and next of kin and the determination for reinvestigation were delayed.

(U) Finding B

(U) MCIIO Personnel Did Not Submit Annual Reports to Congress for Cold Case Murder Statistics in Accordance with Public Law and DoW Policy

(U) MCIIO personnel did not provide annual reports to Congress regarding cold case murder statistics as required by PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. This occurred because:

- (U) DACID and AFOSI did not correctly interpret the congressional reporting requirements in PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10, and
- (U) NCIS did not receive any requests to review or reinvestigate cold case murders.

(U) As a result, Congress could not assess how effectively the DoW implemented PL 117-164 to include whether investigators updated cold case murder investigations or used modern technologies to analyze evidence. Additionally, Congress could not determine if PL 117-164 reviews and reinvestigations assisted family members with finding justice for DoW cold cases.

(U) MCIIO Personnel Did Not Report Statistics to Congress

(U) DACID and AFOSI personnel did not submit annual reports to Congress in accordance with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. The annual reports to Congress must include:

- (U) the number of written applications filed with the agency (requests for review or reinvestigation);
- (U) the number of extensions granted;
- (U) an explanation of reasons provided for each extension;
- (U) the number of full reinvestigations initiated and closed; and
- (U) the statistics and individualized information on topics that include identified suspects, arrests, charges, and convictions.

(U) During our interviews, we determined that DACID and AFOSI officials did not submit annual reports to Congress because of an incorrect interpretation of the requirements in PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. PL 117-164 contains two separate reporting requirements, one for the National Institute of Justice to publish certain statistics starting in 2025 and one for each Federal agency to submit an annual

(U) report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. An AFOSI official told us that they interpreted the annual National Institute of Justice reporting requirement and the annual Congressional reporting requirement as the same requirement with a due date of August 3, 2025, instead of August 3, 2023, 1 year after Congress approved the law. One DACID official told us that its Cold Case Unit personnel did not receive a tasking to provide data to Congress and concluded that DACID did not have to provide cold case information for 3 years.

(U) NCIS personnel did not submit annual reports to Congress in accordance with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10 because they did not have any requests to report. Two NCIS officials told us that NCIS developed a process within the Cold Case Unit to address requests related to PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. We reviewed a local tracker that NCIS personnel used to monitor requests for review and reinvestigation and confirmed it contained no requests related to PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. In turn, NCIS personnel did not submit annual reports to Congress; however, they should still have reported that they had no requests as required by PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10.

(U) Lack of Annual Reporting Limits Congress' Ability to Adequately Resource the MCIOs to Address Cold Case Murder Investigations

(U) As a result, without MCIO annual reporting, Congress could not assess how effectively the DoW implemented PL 117-164 to include whether investigators updated cold case murder investigations or used modern technologies to analyze evidence. Additionally, Congress could not determine whether PL 117-164 reviews and reinvestigations assisted family members with finding justice for DoW cold cases. Finally, Congress could not publish statistics on cold cases that would help law enforcement personnel identify trends and new leads for cold cases.

(U) Recommendations, Management Comments, and Our Response

(U) Recommendation B.1

(U) We recommend that the following officials develop and implement procedures to annually report cold case murder statistics to Congress in accordance with Public Law 117-164 and DoD Instruction 5505.10:

- a. **(U) Director, Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division.**
- b. **(U) Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service.**
- c. **(U) Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations.**

(U) Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division

(U) The DACID, Mission Operations Directorate, Executive Assistant Director, responding for the DACID Director, agreed and stated that DACID implemented a procedure to conduct annual reporting to Congress. In addition, the Executive Assistant Director stated that DACID provided an annual report to Congress on August 19, 2025, for cold case murder statistics from 2022 to 2024.

(U) Our Response

(U) Comments from the Executive Assistant Director addressed all the specific details of the recommendation; therefore, it is resolved but will remain open. We will close the recommendation once we verify DACID implemented procedures to annually report cold case murder statistics to Congress.

(U) Naval Criminal Investigative Service

(U) The NCIS Deputy Director, responding for the NCIS Director, agreed and stated that NCIS developed an internal protocol to collect and submit annual reporting to Congress, in accordance with Public Law 117-164 and DoD Instruction 5505.10. In addition, the Deputy Director stated that reports were submitted to Congress and the DoW OIG on December 10, 2025, and January 7, 2026.

(U) Our Response

(U) Comments from the Deputy Director addressed all the specific details of the recommendation; therefore, it is resolved but will remain open. We will close the recommendation once we verify that NCIS implemented procedures to annually report cold case murder statistics to Congress.

(U) Air Force Office of Special Investigations

(U) [REDACTED]

(U) Our Response

(U) Comments from the Special Agent addressed all the specific details of the recommendation; therefore, it is resolved but will remain open. We will close the recommendation once we verify AFOSI implemented procedures to annually report cold case murder statistics to Congress.

(U) Appendix

(U) Scope and Methodology

(U) We conducted this evaluation from October 2024 through April 2026 in accordance with the “Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation,” published in December 2020 by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. Those standards require that we adequately plan the evaluation to ensure that objectives are met and that we perform the evaluation to obtain sufficient, competent, and relevant evidence to support the findings, conclusions, and recommendations. We believe that the evidence obtained was sufficient, competent, and relevant to lead a reasonable person to sustain the findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

(U) We reviewed any relevant DoW, Service, and MCIO policies and procedures related to cold case murder reviews and reinvestigations. We determined whether current MCIO policies and procedures complied with the cold case murder review or reinvestigation requirements in Public Law 117-164, “Homicide Victims’ Families’ Rights Act of 2021,” and DoDI 5505.10.

(U) We requested and evaluated MCIO cold case murder investigations that the MCIOs reviewed or reinvestigated from August 3, 2022, to November 14, 2024. We evaluated DoW, Service, and MCIO cold case murder policies and procedures from August 3, 2022. When needed, we also evaluated relevant policies that matched the timeframe of a particular investigation. We requested all MCIO annual reports to Congress pertaining to cold case murder reviews and reinvestigations from August 3, 2022, to present.

(U) We developed interview protocols and visited the headquarters of DACID, NCIS, and AFOSI at Quantico, Virginia. We interviewed MCIO program managers, MCIO legislative liaison officers, and other applicable personnel responsible for each MCIO’s cold case murder program.

(U) We built an investigation evaluation protocol and a database with the review and reinvestigation standards in Public Law 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10. MCIO personnel received eight requests for review for the timeframe of evaluation. We reviewed all eight requests for review, and when necessary, the associated investigations. We tested the database protocols, standardized evaluation responses, and addressed any questions before starting case analysis. We reviewed and analyzed the cold case murder reviews and reinvestigations, then determined compliance with DoW and MCIO policies. We entered responses into the database for each investigation.

(U) For each of the eight cases, we reviewed whether the MCIOs complied with the four required elements in PL 117-164. We did not conduct a full review of the entire case for investigative sufficiency.

(U) We documented observations and deficiencies for each review and reinvestigation. We drafted working papers and coordinated with MCIO personnel on reviews and reinvestigations that did not comply with requirements. We did not recommend correcting any case-related deficiencies.

(U) Use of Computer-Processed Data

(U) We did not use computer-processed data to perform this evaluation.

(U) Prior Coverage

(U) No prior coverage has been conducted on cold case murder reviews and reinvestigations during the last 5 years.

(U) Management Comments

(U) Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division



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MEMORANDUM FOR Department of War Inspector General (DoW OIG)

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Response to DoW Office of Inspector General Draft Report, Evaluation of the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations' Cold Case Murder Investigations (Project No. D2024-DEVOSV-0183.000)

1. CID concurs with the report as written and has fully addressed the recommendation in Finding B.1.a regarding the requirement to provide annual cold case murder statistics to congress.

2. **RECOMMENDATION B.1.a:** The DoW OIG recommends the Director, CID, develop and implement procedures to annually report cold case murder statistics to Congress in accordance with Public Law 117-164 and DoD Instruction 5505.10.

3. **CID RESPONSE:** CID concurs with this recommendation and has implemented a procedure to conduct annual reporting to Congress. An annual report was provided to Congress on 19 Aug 25 capturing statistics from 2022 to 2024. During this timeframe, CID received six (6) written applications and provided timely responses to each requester.

Upon review CID determined four (4) of the requests did not meet the statutory requirements outlined in Section 13 of the Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act of 2021 (HVFRA-21). The remaining two (2) written applications met the requirements of the Act, and CID initiated full re-investigations for both. CID respectfully considers this recommendation closed.

4. Should you need immediate assistance regarding this matter, please contact Special Agent [REDACTED], Division Chief, Cold Case Unit, Investigations and Operations Department, at [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF WAR INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: NCIS Response to DoW Office of Inspector General Draft Report,
"Evaluation of the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations' Cold Case
Murder Investigations" (Project No. D2024-DEV0SV-0183.000)

This is the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) response to the Department of War Office of Inspector General (DoW OIG) draft report, "Evaluation of the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations' Cold Case Murder Investigations" (Project No. D2024-DEV0SV-0183.000). NCIS concurs with the report as written and, as detailed below, has already completed recommendation B.1.b.

RECOMMENDATION B.1b: The DoW OIG recommends that NCIS develop and implement procedures to annually report cold case murder statistics to Congress in accordance with Public Law 117-164 and DoD Instruction 5505.10.

RESPONSE: NCIS concurs with and has already completed this recommendation.

- a. In lieu of an official Congressional tasker prompting submission of data related to the Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act of 2021 (HVFRA), NCIS developed an internal tasker protocol used to collect and submit the annual reporting to Congress, in accordance with PL 117-164 and DoDI 5505.10.
- b. This process has successfully been utilized in coordination with the NCIS Office of Strategic Communications and the Department of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. On December 10, 2025, NCIS reported zero (0) new cases applicable under the Act. On January 7, 2026, an updated report was submitted reflecting one (1) new request for 2025. In both instances, a copy of the memorandum provided to the United States Congress was also provided to the DoW OIG in support of this project. As such, NCIS respectfully requests the DoW OIG consider this recommendation closed.

The NCIS point of contact for this matter is Deputy Assistant Director [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Investigative Oversight and Compliance Department (Code 23B), [REDACTED]
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(U) Air Force Office of Special Investigations



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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF WAR INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: AFOSI Response to DoW Office of Inspector General Draft Report,
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(U) Acronyms and Abbreviations

AFOSI	Air Force Office of Special Investigations
AFOSI ICON	Air Force Office of Special Investigations Collections and Operations Nexus
AFOSIMAN	Air Force Office of Special Investigations Manual
AR	Army Regulation
DACID	Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division
DACID CCU	Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division Cold Case Unit
DACID PM	Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division Policy Memorandum
DoDI	DoD Instruction
HVFRA	Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act of 2021
MCIO	Military Criminal Investigative Organization
NCIS	Naval Criminal Investigative Service
NCIS CCHU	Naval Criminal Investigative Service Cold Case Homicide Unit
PM	Program Manager
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures

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