

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:96-cv-02389-RCL**

RUIZ v. DOJ, et al
Assigned to: Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth
Demand: \$0
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/17/1996
Date Terminated: 09/23/1999
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government
Defendant

Plaintiff

MANUEL J. RUIZ

represented by **MANUEL J. RUIZ**
R04 163-003
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/17/1996	1	COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ (mjk) (Entered: 10/17/1996)
10/17/1996		SUMMONS NOT ISSUED. (mjk) (Entered: 10/17/1996)
10/17/1996	2	APPLICATION by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to proceed in forma pauperis (mjk) (Entered: 10/17/1996)
10/17/1996		ORDER by Judge James Robertson granting motion to proceed in forma pauperis [2-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ (fiat) (N) (mjk) (Entered: 10/17/1996)
10/17/1996	3	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to compel preparation of a vaughn index (mjk) (Entered: 10/17/1996)
10/17/1996	4	ORDER by Judge James Robertson : directing prisoner plaintiff to provide a trust fund statement to the court by 11/18/96 for MANUEL J. RUIZ . (N) (mjk) (Entered: 10/17/1996)
11/18/1996		DEPOSIT \$120.00 filing fee. (mjk) Modified on 11/18/1996 (Entered: 11/18/1996)
11/18/1996		CASE REASSIGNED to Judge Royce C. Lamberth (mjk) (Entered: 11/18/1996)
11/18/1996		ENTERED IN ERROR SUMMONS issued to federal party(s) federal defendant DOJ, federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS , and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (cjp) (Entered: 08/01/1997)
11/27/1996	5	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : denying plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis. (N) (fle) (Entered: 11/29/1996)
12/24/1996	6	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS by MANUEL J. RUIZ . New address: P.O. Box 7007 Marianna, FL 32447-7007. (st) (Entered: 12/26/1996)
02/27/1997	7	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : dismissing this case without prejudice since no proof of service of process on the defendant. (N) (emh) (Entered: 03/03/1997)

03/24/1997	8	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ for reconsideration of order [7-1] dismissing action (st) (Entered: 03/25/1997)
05/23/1997	9	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS by MANUEL J. RUIZ . New address: P.O. Box 7007, Creek A Marianna FL 32447. (st) (Entered: 05/27/1997)
08/12/1997	10	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion for reconsideration of order [7-1] dismissing action [8-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ; vacating this court's dismissal order; directing the Clerk to FORTHWITH issue summonses and effect service on the defendants. (N) (emh) (Entered: 08/14/1997)
08/12/1997		Case Reopened (emh) (Entered: 08/14/1997)
08/14/1997		SUMMONS (5) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant DOJ, federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS , and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (st) (Entered: 08/14/1997)
08/27/1997	11	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of summons and complaint executed on 8/25/97 upon federal defendant DOJ (st) (Entered: 08/28/1997)
08/27/1997	12	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of summons and complaint executed on 8/25/97 upon federal defendant FBI (st) (Entered: 08/28/1997)
08/27/1997	13	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of summons and complaint executed on 8/21/97 upon federal defendant USCS (st) (Entered: 08/28/1997)
08/27/1997	14	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of summons and complaint executed upon U.S. Attorney General on 8/25/97 (st) (Entered: 08/28/1997)
08/27/1997	15	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of summons and complaint executed upon U.S. Attorney on 8/21/97 (st) (Entered: 08/28/1997)
09/22/1997	16	ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1-1] by federal defendant DOJ, federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS . (st) (Entered: 09/23/1997)
09/23/1997	17	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS by MANUEL J. RUIZ representing plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ . New address: R# 04 163-003 F.C.I. Yazoo City P.O. Box 5000, Yazoo City, MS 39194. (JMF) (Entered: 09/24/1997)
09/23/1997	18	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : dispositive motions due 11/21/97 ; (N) (st) (Entered: 09/24/1997)
10/16/1997	19	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to extend time to thirty days to file a reply to defendants' answer to the complaint (st) (Entered: 10/17/1997)
10/20/1997	20	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : denying as moot motion to extend time to thirty days to file a reply to defendants' answer to the complaint [19-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ and directing plaintiff to timely respond to any dispositive motion filed by defendants, and if plaintiff does not respond, the Court will treat the motion as conceded and dismiss the complaint. (N) (emh) (Entered: 10/22/1997)
10/31/1997	21	RESPONSE by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to answer [16-1] by USCS, FBI, DOJ (ks) (Entered: 11/04/1997)
11/21/1997	22	MOTION filed by federal defendant USCS to extend time to 11/24/97 to file its dispositive motion (st) (Entered: 11/24/1997)

11/21/1997	23	MOTION filed by federal defendant FBI to stay to complete the administrative processing of plaintiff's FOIA request. (st) (Entered: 11/24/1997)
11/24/1997	24	MOTION filed by federal defendant USCS for summary judgment (st) (Entered: 11/25/1997)
11/24/1997	25	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 11/24/97 ti file its dispositive motion [22-1] by USCS (N) (emh) (Entered: 11/26/1997)
01/16/1998	26	RESPONSE by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to motion for summary judgment [24-1] by USCS (st) (Entered: 01/20/1998)
02/09/1998	27	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to extend time to 1/11/98 to file a rely to defendant's response's response dated 11/21/97, and 11/24/97 (st) (Entered: 02/25/1998)
02/09/1998	28	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS by MANUEL J. RUIZ . New address: #4163-003 P.O. Box 5000 Yazoo City MS 39194. (st) (Entered: 02/25/1998)
02/09/1998	29	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 1/11/98 to file a rely to defendant's response's response dated 11/21/97, and 11/24/97 [27-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ; sua sponte that plaintiff shall serve upon counsel for defendants, a copy of every further pleading for consideration by the Court and with further instructions to the parties. (N) (emh) (Entered: 02/25/1998)
04/14/1998	30	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to compel various government agencies to respond to plaintiff's request for FOIA/PA information (st) (Entered: 04/15/1998)
05/06/1998	31	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : directing defendant U.S. Customs Service to file a supplemental memorandum addressing the issues raised in plaintiff's opposition to motion for summary judgment; defendant is directed to file within 10 days a supplemental memorandum updating current status of plaintiff's FOIA request and specifically addressing the issues raised in plaintiff's submission filed on 2/9/98 regarding payment of costs and whether ther is a 1991 request (N) (st) (Entered: 05/08/1998)
05/20/1998	32	RESPONSE by federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS to motion to compel various government agencies to respond to plaintiff's request for FOIA/PA information [30-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ (JMF) (Entered: 05/21/1998)
05/20/1998	33	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM by federal defendant FBI to order dated May 06, 1998 [31-1],[31-2] (JMF) (Entered: 05/21/1998)
05/20/1998	34	RESPONSE by federal defendant USCS to order dated May 06, 1998 [31-1],[31-2]; exhibits (2) (JMF) Modified on 05/21/1998 (Entered: 05/21/1998)
05/20/1998	35	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM by federal defendant USCS in support of motion for summary judgment [24-1]; exhibits (2) (JMF) Modified on 05/21/1998 (Entered: 05/21/1998)

06/25/1998	36	REPLY by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to defendants' response to my request for FOIA/PA information "Let this be filed" LAMBERTH, J. (st) (Entered: 06/26/1998)
07/17/1998	44	LETTER from plaintiff regarding defednat's response to Court's order. "Let this be filed" (LAMBERTH, J) (st) (Entered: 08/10/1998)
07/20/1998	37	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : directing defendants to submit forthwith for in camera inspection documents that were withheld (N) (st) (Entered: 07/21/1998)
07/21/1998	38	SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL for federal defendant, substituting Lisa Barsoomian for attorneys John Deacon Bates and David T. Smorodin (ks) (Entered: 07/22/1998)
07/21/1998	39	MOTION filed by federal defendant FBI to extend time to 7/23/98 within which to file its dispositive motion. (tw) (Entered: 07/22/1998)
07/22/1998	42	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 7/23/98 within which to file its dispositive motion. [39-1] by FBI dispositive motions due by 7/23/98 ; (N) (st) (Entered: 07/24/1998)
07/23/1998	40	MOTION filed by federal defendant DOJ, federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS for summary judgment ; Exhibits (4). (lkn) (Entered: 07/24/1998)
07/23/1998	41	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM by federal defendant DOJ, federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS in support of motion for summary judgment [40-1] by USCS, FBI, DOJ; Declaration (1). (lkn) (Entered: 07/24/1998)
08/05/1998	43	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to extend time to file a reply to defendant's motion for summary judgment. (tw) (Entered: 08/06/1998)
08/28/1998	45	MEMORANDUM AND ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : denying motion to compel various government agencies to respond to plaintiff's request for FOIA/PA information [30-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ, denying motion for summary judgment [24-1] by USCS directing defendant USCS to submit within 45 days supplemental affidavits and new motion for summary judgment along with all documents for in camera review (N) (N) (st) (Entered: 08/31/1998)
08/28/1998	46	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to file an opposition to defendant's motion for summary judgment; plaintiff's opposition shall be filed within 30 days of this date [43-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ (N) (st) (Entered: 08/31/1998)
08/28/1998	47	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : denying motion to stay to complete the administrative processing of plaintiff's FOIA request. [23-1] by FBI (N) (st) (Entered: 08/31/1998)
09/11/1998	48	REPLY by federal defendant DOJ, federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS to plaintiff's opposition to motion for summary judgment [40-1] (JMF) (Entered: 09/14/1998)
10/14/1998	49	MOTION filed by federal defendant to extend time to 10/29/98 to file its renewed motion for summary judgment (st) (Entered: 10/15/1998)

10/29/1998	50	MOTION filed by federal defendant USCS to extend time to 11/25/98 to file its renewed motion for summary judgment (tth) (Entered: 10/30/1998)
11/06/1998	51	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 11/25/98 to file its renewed motion for summary judgment [50-1] by USCS motion for summary judgment due by 10/29/98 ; (N) (st) (Entered: 11/12/1998)
11/06/1998	52	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 10/29/98 to file its renewed motion for summary judgment [49-1] by USCS, FBI, DOJ (N) (st) (Entered: 11/12/1998)
11/25/1998	53	MOTION filed by federal defendant USCS to extend time to 12/4/98 to file its renewed motion for summary judgment (lkn) (Entered: 11/27/1998)
11/30/1998	54	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 12/4/98 to file its renewed motion for summary judgment [53-1] by USCS motion for summary judgment due by 12/4/98 ; (N) (st) (Entered: 12/01/1998)
12/04/1998	55	MOTION (RENEWED) filed by federal defendant USCS for summary judgment (st) (Entered: 12/07/1998)
12/30/1998	56	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to extend time to 1/18/99 to file reply to defendants renewed motion for summary judgment on behalf of U.S. Customs service (st) (Entered: 01/04/1999)
01/06/1999	57	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 1/18/99 to file reply to defendants renewed motion for summary judgment on behalf of U.S. Customs service [56-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ response to motion for summary judgment due 1/18/99 ; (N) (lin) (Entered: 01/06/1999)
01/20/1999	58	MOTION filed by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to extend time to ten days to file response to Governments' renewed motion for summary judgment (st) (Entered: 01/22/1999)
02/01/1999	59	RESPONSE by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to motion for summary judgment [55-1] by USCS (st) (Entered: 02/02/1999)
02/05/1999	60	MOTION filed by federal defendant USCS to extend time to 3/4/99 to reply to plaintiff's opposition to defendant's renewed motion for summary judgment on behalf of BATF (tb) (Entered: 02/08/1999)
02/09/1999	61	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion to extend time to 3/4/99 to reply to plaintiff's opposition to defendant's renewed motion for summary judgment on behalf of BATF [60-1] by USCS (N) (emh) (Entered: 02/11/1999)
03/04/1999	62	REPLY by federal defendant DOJ, federal defendant FBI, federal defendant USCS to response to motion for summary judgment [55-1] by USCS (st) (Entered: 03/05/1999)
03/26/1999	63	RESPONSE by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to motion for summary judgment [40-1] by USCS, FBI, DOJ "Let this be filed as of date lodged 8/31/98" (fiat) (st) (Entered: 03/26/1999)

03/26/1999	64	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting motion for summary judgment [40-1] by USCS, FBI, DOJ dismissing FBI as a party to this case with prejudice (N) (st) (Entered: 03/26/1999)
09/23/1999	65	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : granting nunc pro tunc motion to extend time to ten days to file response to Governments' renewed motion for summary judgment [58-1] by MANUEL J. RUIZ , granting motion for summary judgment [55-1] by USCS (N) (emh) (Entered: 09/23/1999)
10/01/1999	66	SURREPLY by plaintiff MANUEL J. RUIZ to defendant's renewed motion for summary judgment "Let this be filed as of date lodged 3/22/99 (st) (Entered: 10/05/1999)