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## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS							
Jason Leopold and Buzzfeed		U.S. Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau, U.S. Army								
(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF 88888 (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)			COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED							
(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS	ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)									
Loevy & Loevy 311 N Aberdeen St, 3rd Fl Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 243-5900										
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)		III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY!								
	deral Question	Citizen of th		PTF O 1	DFT O 1	Incorpora	ated or Principal Place	PTF O 4	DFT O 4	
Defendant (In	dicate Citizenship of	Citizen of A	Another State O 2 O 2 Incorporated and Principal I of Business in Another State		ated and Principal Place	<b>O</b> 5	O 5			
Pa		Citizen or Su Foreign Cou	or Subject of a O 3 O 3			<b>O</b> 6	<b>O</b> 6			
IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one category, A-N, that best represents your Cause of Action and <u>one</u> in a corresponding Nature of Suit)										
O A. Antitrust O B. P	ersonal Injury/ Talpractice	C. Administrat Review					O D. Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary			
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O E. General Civil (Other) OR O F. Pro Se General Civil										
Real Property         210 Land Condemnation         220 Foreclosure         230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment         240 Torts to Land         245 Tort Product Liability         290 All Other Real Property         370 Other Fraud         371 Truth in Lending         380 Other Personal Property         Damage         385 Property Damage         Product Liability	Bankruptev         422 Appeal 27 USC 158         423 Withdrawal 28 US0         Prisoner Petitions         535 Death Penalty         540 Mandamus & Othe         550 Civil Rights         555 Prison Conditions         560 Civil Detainee - Coof Confinement         Property Rights         820 Copyrights         830 Patent         835 Patent - Abbreviat         Drug Application         840 Trademark	C 157 er onditions	870         871         Forfeitu         625         690         Other Si         375         376         400         430         450	Tax Suits Taxes (U defendar IRS-Thin 7609 re/Penaltu 6 Drug Rel Property 0 Other tatutes 5 False Cla 5 Qui Tam 3729(a)) 9 State Re 9 Banks & 0 Commer Rates/etc 0 Deportal	it) 'd Party lated Sei 21 USC ims Act (31 USC apportic Banking ce/ICC	26 USC zure of 881	462 Naturalizat Application 465 Other Imm Actions 470 Racketeer I & Corrupt 480 Consumer ( 490 Cable/Satel 850 Securities/C Exchange 896 Arbitration 899 Administra Act/Review Agency Dec 950 Constitution Statutes 890 Other Statu (if not administra the second sec	igration nfluenced Organiza Credit lite TV Commodi tive Proc or Appe- rision nality of S itory Action	ttion ties/ edure al of State ions e agency	

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<ul> <li>G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255</li> <li>530 Habeas Corpus – General</li> <li>510 Motion/Vacate Sentence</li> <li>463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>H. Employment Discrimination</li> <li>442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I. FOIA/Privacy Act</li> <li>895 Freedom of Information Act</li> <li>890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>J. Student Loan</li> <li>152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)</li> <li>710 Fair Labor Standards Act</li> <li>720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations</li> <li>740 Labor Railway Act</li> <li>751 Family and Medical Leave Act</li> <li>790 Other Labor Litigation</li> <li>791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*(If pro se, select this deck)*</li> <li>L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)</li> <li>441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)</li> <li>443 Housing/Accommodations</li> <li>440 Other Civil Rights</li> <li>445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment</li> <li>446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other</li> <li>448 Education</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*(If pro se, select this deck)*</li> <li>M. Contract</li> <li>110 Insurance</li> <li>120 Marine</li> <li>130 Miller Act</li> <li>140 Negotiable Instrument</li> <li>150 Recovery of Overpayment &amp; Enforcement of Judgment</li> <li>153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits</li> <li>160 Stockholder's Suits</li> <li>190 Other Contracts</li> <li>195 Contract Product Liability</li> <li>196 Franchise</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N. Three-Judge Court</li> <li>441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act)</li> </ul>					
V. ORIGIN O 1 Original Proceeding Proceeding Court O 2 Removed from Appellate Court O 3 Remanded from Appellate Court O 4 Reinstated or Reopened Court O 5 Transferred from another district (specify) O 6 Multi-district Litigation District Judge from Mag. Judge								
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) 5 U.S.C. 552 - Freedom of Information Act suit								
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT       CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23       DEMAND \$       Check YES only if demanded in complaint YES NO X								
VIII. RELATED CASE(S)     (See instruction)     YES     NO     If yes, please complete related case form       IF ANY     If yes, please complete related case form     If yes, please complete related case form								
DATE:3/4/2021	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF REC	CORD /s/ Matthew	/ V. Topic					

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed <u>only</u> if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.