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**U.S. District Court
Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02904-MKB-SJB**

Cui v. Federal Bureau of Investigation
Assigned to: Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Sanket J. Bulsara
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/16/2019
Date Terminated: 07/27/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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V.

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/16/2019	1	COMPLAINT against Jizi Cui, Shoumei Kan, Fengzhe Jin, Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office filing fee \$ 400, receipt number ANYEDC-11487952 Was the Disclosure Statement on Civil Cover Sheet completed -YES,, filed by Jizi Cui. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Proposed Summons) (Worontzoff, Daniel) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
05/20/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Margo K. Brodie and Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned Judges, located on our website . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. (Davis, Kimberly) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019	2	In accordance with Rule 73 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 73.1, the parties are notified that if all parties consent a United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action including a (jury or nonjury) trial and to order the entry of a final judgment. Attached to the Notice is a blank copy of the consent form that should be filled out, signed and filed electronically only if all parties wish to consent. The form may also be accessed at the following link: http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/FormsAndFees/Forms/AO085.pdf . You may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. Do NOT return or file the consent unless all parties have signed the consent. (Davis, Kimberly) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019	3	This attorney case opening filing has been checked for quality control. See the attachment for corrections that were made, if any. (Davis, Kimberly) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019	4	Summons Issued as to Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Davis, Kimberly) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/23/2019	5	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Shoumei Kan, Jizi Cui, Fengzhe Jin. Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office served on 5/22/2019, answer due 7/22/2019. (Worontzoff, Daniel) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
10/09/2019		STATUS REPORT ORDER: Counsel shall file a letter reporting on how he intends to proceed with the case by October 17, 2019. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold on 10/9/2019. (Gillespie, Saudia) (Entered: 10/09/2019)
10/11/2019	6	Letter <i>Letter in Response to Status Report Order</i> by Jizi Cui, Fengzhe Jin, Shoumei Kan (Worontzoff, Daniel) (Entered: 10/11/2019)
10/16/2019	7	ORDER requiring plaintiffs to serve the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York within 30 days of this Order for the reasons stated in the attached Memorandum and Order. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold on 10/16/2019. (Clancy, Emma) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/16/2019	8	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Shoumei Kan, Jizi Cui, Fengzhe Jin. (Worontzoff, Daniel) (Entered: 10/16/2019)

11/15/2019	9	ANSWER to 1 Complaint, by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Mahoney, Kathleen) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/18/2019	10	SCHEDULING ORDER: An in-person initial conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2019 before the undersigned in Courtroom 13-D South. Counsel for all parties must attend. Plaintiffs' counsel is directed to immediately confirm this conference date and time with defendant's counsel. Adjournment requests will not be considered unless made in accordance with this Court's Individual Rules. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold on 11/18/2019. (Attachments: # 1 Chamber's Individual Rules) (Gillespie, Saudia) (Main Document 10 replaced on 11/18/2019) (Gillespie, Saudia). (Main Document 10 replaced on 11/18/2019) (Gillespie, Saudia). (Entered: 11/18/2019)
12/04/2019	11	Minute Entry: Initial Conference Hearing held on 12/4/2019 before Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold. Carroll for plaintiffs, Mahoney for defendant. Having recently received additional details from plaintiffs' counsel, defendant will conduct a further search for responsive records. COUNSEL WILL SUBMIT A JOINT LETTER ON THE STATUS OF THE ACTION INDICATING HOW THEY INTEND TO PROCEED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2020. (Gillespie, Saudia) (Entered: 12/05/2019)
02/03/2020	12	Letter to <i>Honorable Steven M. Gold regarding status of this matter</i> by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office (Mahoney, Kathleen) (Entered: 02/03/2020)
02/04/2020		STATUS REPORT ORDER: Counsel shall file an updated status report letter by March 6, 2020. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold on 2/4/2020. (Gillespie, Saudia) (Entered: 02/04/2020)
03/06/2020	13	STATUS REPORT to <i>Honorable Steven M. Gold</i> by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office (Mahoney, Kathleen) (Entered: 03/06/2020)
03/09/2020		STATUS REPORT ORDER: Counsel shall file an updated status report letter by April 9, 2020. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold on 3/9/2020. (Gillespie, Saudia) (Entered: 03/09/2020)
04/09/2020	14	STATUS REPORT and <i>Request for Stay</i> by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office (Mahoney, Kathleen) Modified to add motion on 4/10/2020 (Gillespie, Saudia). (Entered: 04/09/2020)
04/10/2020		ORDER: Granting 14 Motion to Stay. The parties will submit a status report letter indicating how they intend to proceed with the case by June 24, 2020. Ordered by Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold on 4/10/2020. (Gillespie, Saudia) (Entered: 04/10/2020)
06/24/2020	15	STATUS REPORT and <i>Letter to Honorable Steven M. Gold</i> by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office (Mahoney, Kathleen) (Entered: 06/24/2020)
07/02/2020	16	Letter MOTION for pre motion conference for <i>Defendant's contemplated motion for summary judgment</i> by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Mahoney, Kathleen) (Entered: 07/02/2020)
07/15/2020		ORDER granting in part and denying in part 16 Motion for Pre-Motion Conference. The Court denies the request for a pre-motion conference and directs the parties to confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule for defendant's motion. Ordered by Judge Margo K. Brodie on 7/15/2020. (Johnson, Alexis) (Entered: 07/15/2020)
09/30/2020	17	Letter to <i>Honorable Margo K. Brodie with proposed briefing schedule</i> by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office (Mahoney, Kathleen) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
09/30/2020		ORDER granting 17 proposed briefing schedule for Defendant's motion for summary judgment. Defendant shall serve its motion (and plaintiffs shall serve their motion, if any) on or before December 10, 2020; plaintiffs shall serve their response (and defendant shall serve its response, if appropriate) on or before January 22, 2021; replies, if any, shall be served and filed on or before February 22, 2021. Ordered by Judge Margo K. Brodie on 9/30/2020. (Goss, Natasha) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
11/13/2020	18	NOTICE of Appearance by Melanie Mary Speight on behalf of Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office (aty to be noticed) (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 11/13/2020)
12/10/2020	19	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File (<i>Consent Request to Modify the Parties' Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule</i>) by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 12/10/2020)
12/11/2020		ORDER granting 19 Motion for Extension of Time to File. Defendant shall serve its motion (and plaintiffs shall serve their motion, if any) on or before December 16, 2020; plaintiffs shall serve their response (and defendant shall serve its response, if appropriate) on or before January 28, 2021; replies, if any, shall be served and filed on or before March 1, 2021. Ordered by Judge Margo K. Brodie on 12/11/2020. (Ajagu, Vanessa) (Entered: 12/11/2020)

12/16/2020	20	Letter (<i>Copy of Letter to Plaintiffs Accompanying Defendant's Submissions in Support of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i>) by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Letter to Plaintiffs) (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 12/16/2020)
01/08/2021		Case Reassigned to Magistrate Judge Sanket J. Bulsara. Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold no longer assigned to the case. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned Judges, located on our website . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. (Gillespie, Saudia) (Entered: 01/08/2021)
02/26/2021	21	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 02/26/2021)
02/26/2021		ORDER granting 21 Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. The Court grants Defendant's motion for extension of time to file its reply. Defendant shall file its reply on or before March 8, 2021. Ordered by Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie on 2/26/2021. (Ajagu, Vanessa) (Entered: 02/26/2021)
03/08/2021	22	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/08/2021		ORDER granting 22 Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. The Court grants Defendant's motion for extension of time to file its reply. Defendant shall file its reply on or before March 12, 2021. Ordered by Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie on 3/8/2021. (Ajagu, Vanessa) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/12/2021	23	MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>Notice of Motion</i>) by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	24	RULE 56.1 STATEMENT re 23 MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>Notice of Motion</i>) filed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	25	MEMORANDUM in Support re 23 MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>Notice of Motion</i>) filed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	26	AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION in Support re 23 MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>Notice of Motion</i>) filed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A - W) (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	27	REPLY in Support re 23 MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>Notice of Motion</i>) filed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Office. (Speight, Melanie) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/15/2021		ORDER re 23 Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court directs Plaintiffs to file their opposition papers. Ordered by Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie on 3/15/2021. (Ajagu, Vanessa) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/15/2021	28	AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION in Opposition re 23 MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>Notice of Motion</i>) filed by Jizi Cui, Fengzhe Jin, Shoumei Kan. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 - log, # 2 Exhibit 2 - DOJ FOIL manual) (Carroll, Patrick) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/17/2021		ORDER re 23 Motion for Summary Judgment. The parties are not required to provide courtesy copies of their motion papers. Ordered by Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie on 3/17/2021. (Ajagu, Vanessa) (Entered: 03/17/2021)
07/26/2021	29	MEMORANDUM AND ORDER. For the reasons discussed in the attached Memorandum and Order, the Court grants Defendant's motion for summary judgment. The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case. Ordered by Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie on 7/26/2021. (Valentin, Winnethka) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
07/27/2021	30	CLERK'S JUDGMENT, It is Ordered and Adjudged that Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is granted. Signed by Douglas C. Palmer, Clerk of Court by Jalitza Poveda, Deputy Clerk on 7/27/2021. (Piper, Francine) (Entered: 07/27/2021)