

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02847-TFH**

REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al
Assigned to: Judge Thomas F. Hogan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/23/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/23/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6393289) filed by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 9, # <u>10</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>11</u> Summons)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/25/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Thomas F. Hogan. (zeg) (Entered: 09/25/2019)
09/25/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 09/25/2019)
10/07/2019	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS served on 10/3/2019; FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 10/1/2019; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/3/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/3/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/2/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/03/19. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavits of Mailing)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 10/07/2019)
10/09/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Katherine Boyd Palmer-Ball on behalf of All Defendants (Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 10/09/2019)

10/31/2019	<u>5</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond</i> by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
11/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond. Accordingly, the defendants' response to the plaintiff's complaint shall be filed on or before November 12, 2019. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on November 4, 2019. (JK) (Entered: 11/04/2019)
11/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 11/12/2019. (JK) (Entered: 11/04/2019)
11/12/2019	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond</i> by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/15/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond. Accordingly, the defendants response to the complaint shall be filed on or before November 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on November 15, 2019. (JK) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint due by 11/15/2019, (hs) (Entered: 11/18/2019)
11/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to confer and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The status report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request, and the anticipated date(s) for the release of requested documents that are still being processed, if any. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before December 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on November 18, 2019. (JK) (Entered: 11/18/2019)
11/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/13/2019 (hs) (Entered: 11/18/2019)
11/20/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Adam Alexander Marshall on behalf of REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Marshall, Adam) (Entered: 11/20/2019)
12/13/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 12/13/2019)
12/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 7, 2020. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on December 18, 2019. (JK) (Entered: 12/18/2019)
12/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/7/2020 (hs) (Entered: 12/19/2019)
01/03/2020	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Gunita Singh on behalf of REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Singh, Gunita) (Entered: 01/03/2020)
01/07/2020	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 01/07/2020)
01/22/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before February 6, 2020. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on January 22, 2020. (JK) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
01/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/6/2020 (hs) (Entered: 01/23/2020)

02/06/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/06/2020)
02/10/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before February 20, 2020. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on February 10, 2020. (JK) (Entered: 02/10/2020)
02/11/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/20/2020 (hs) (Entered: 02/11/2020)
02/20/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 02/20/2020)
02/24/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Fourth Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that this case shall proceed as follows: the defendants' motion for summary judgment shall be filed on or before April 30, 2020; the plaintiff's combined cross-motion for summary judgment and opposition to the defendant's motion shall be filed on or before June 5, 2020; the defendants' combined opposition to the plaintiff's cross-motion and reply shall be filed on or before July 7, 2020; and the plaintiff's reply shall be filed on or before July 28, 2020. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on February 24, 2020. (JK) (Entered: 02/24/2020)
02/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's Cross Motions due by 6/5/2020. Defense's Response to Cross Motions due by 7/7/2020. Plaintiff's Reply to Cross Motions due by 7/28/2020. (zcal) (Entered: 02/24/2020)
04/29/2020	<u>14</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 04/29/2020)
05/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER: GRANTING <u>14</u> Defendants' Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Motion for Summary Judgment. The following schedule shall govern these proceedings: the defendants' motion for summary judgment shall be filed on or before June 2, 2020; the plaintiff's combined cross-motion for summary judgment and opposition to the defendant's motion shall be filed on or before July 2, 2020; the defendants' combined opposition to the plaintiff's cross-motion and reply shall be filed on or before August 3, 2020; and the plaintiff's reply shall be filed on or before August 24, 2020. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on May 4, 2020. (SM) (Entered: 05/04/2020)
05/04/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Replies due by 8/24/2020. Summary Judgment motions due by 6/2/2020. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/2/2020. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/3/2020. (hs) (Entered: 05/04/2020)
06/02/2020	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>6</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 06/02/2020)
07/02/2020	<u>16</u>	Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Adam A. Marshall, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 07/02/2020)
07/02/2020	<u>17</u>	Memorandum in opposition re <u>15</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Adam A. Marshall, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) Modified docket event/text on 7/2/2020 (eg). (Entered: 07/02/2020)
08/03/2020	<u>18</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Combined Opposition and Reply Brief</i> by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL

		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/03/2020)
08/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER: GRANTING <u>18</u> defendants' Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Combined Opposition and Reply Brief. The defendants' combined opposition and reply shall be filed on or before August 6, 2020; and the plaintiff's reply shall be filed on or before August 27, 2020. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on August 4, 2020. (SM). (Entered: 08/04/2020)
08/04/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Response/Reply due by 8/6/2020 Plaintiff's Reply due by 8/27/2020. (hs) (Entered: 08/04/2020)
08/06/2020	<u>19</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>15</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4)(Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/06/2020)
08/06/2020	<u>20</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Defendants' Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Facts, # <u>6</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/06/2020)
08/27/2020	<u>21</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 08/27/2020)
06/24/2021		MINUTE ORDER: A hearing on <u>15</u> Defendants' motion for summary judgment and <u>16</u> Plaintiff's cross motion for partial summary judgment is hereby SET for Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 26. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on June 24, 2021. (JRM) (Entered: 06/24/2021)
06/25/2021		Set/Reset Hearings: Motion Hearing set for 8/25/2021 at 10:00 AM by VTC before Judge Thomas F. Hogan. (hs) (Entered: 06/25/2021)
06/25/2021		Set/Reset Hearings: Motion Hearing reset for 8/25/2021 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 26A before Judge Thomas F. Hogan. (hs) (Entered: 06/25/2021)
07/15/2021	<u>22</u>	NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 07/15/2021)
08/05/2021	<u>23</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Katherine B. Palmer–Ball (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 08/05/2021)
08/09/2021	<u>24</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue <i>Motions Hearing</i> by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
08/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER: GRANTING <u>24</u> Defendants' Consent Motion to Continue Motion Hearing. The hearing on <u>15</u> Defendants' motion for summary judgment and <u>16</u> Plaintiff's cross motion for partial summary judgment is hereby rescheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 26. Signed by Judge Thomas F. Hogan on August 9, 2021. (JRM) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
08/10/2021		Set/Reset Hearings: Motion Hearing reset for 9/20/2021 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 26A – In Person before Judge Thomas F. Hogan. (hs) (Entered: 08/10/2021)