

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00612-TNM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/08/2021
Date Terminated: 10/15/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/08/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8285712) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for US Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/08/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/08/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (adh,) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/08/2021	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives

		in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/8/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/09/2021	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Meredith Leigh Di Liberto on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/10/2021	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/26/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/25/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/16/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 3/15/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
04/26/2021	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Takemoto, Benjamin) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a complaint and an answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceedings in this matter. The report should address, among other things, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the report on or before May 18, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/26/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/26/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/18/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
05/18/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Takemoto, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/18/2021)
05/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before June 3, 2021, addressing the progress of Defendant's search and recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 5/18/2021.(lctnm1) (Entered: 05/18/2021)
05/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/3/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 05/19/2021)
06/03/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Takemoto, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/03/2021)
06/03/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before June 17, 2021, addressing the status of Defendants search and recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/3/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 06/03/2021)
06/04/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/17/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
06/17/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 06/17/2021)

06/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before July 1, 2021, addressing the status of Defendant's search and recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/17/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
06/21/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
07/01/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 07/01/2021)
07/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before July 22, 2021, addressing the status of Defendant's search and recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/1/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 07/01/2021)
07/02/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/22/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/22/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Takemoto, Benjamin) (Entered: 07/22/2021)
07/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before August 5, 2021, recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/22/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 07/22/2021)
07/23/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/5/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
08/05/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 08/05/2021)
08/05/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before August 31, 2021, recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/5/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 08/05/2021)
08/06/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/31/2021.(zhmc) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/31/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Takemoto, Benjamin) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
08/31/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before September 14, 2021, recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/31/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
08/31/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/14/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
09/14/2021	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Takemoto, Benjamin) (Entered: 09/14/2021)
09/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 13, 2021, recommending further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/14/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 09/14/2021)
09/16/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/13/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 09/16/2021)
10/13/2021	<u>18</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 10/13/2021)
10/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, this case is hereby DISMISSED with prejudice. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The Clerk of Court shall close this case. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/14/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 10/14/2021)