

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01302-TNM

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
 INTERIOR

Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/11/2021

Date Terminated: 12/14/2021

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/11/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8443023) 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 the Interior)(Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/12/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (adh,) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/12/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/12/2021	<u>4</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 5/12/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/25/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/18/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/17/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/25/2021)

05/25/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/24/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/25/2021)
05/25/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 5/21/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 05/25/2021)
06/17/2021	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Zee, Michael) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
06/17/2021		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 July 13, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/17/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
06/17/2021		Case Stayed. (hmc) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
06/21/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/13/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
07/13/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Zee, Michael) (Entered: 07/13/2021)
07/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before August 18, 2021. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/13/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 07/13/2021)
07/14/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/18/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 07/14/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Zee, Michael) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 25, 2021, proposing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/18/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
10/25/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Zee, Michael) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
10/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before November 22, 2021, proposing further proceedings. If the parties anticipate further litigation, they will propose a summary judgment briefing schedule in their next Joint Status Report. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/25/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
10/25/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/22/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
11/22/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 11/22/2021)
11/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before December 22, 2021, proposing further proceedings. If the parties anticipate further

		litigation, they will propose a summary judgment briefing schedule in their next Joint Status Report. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/30/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
11/30/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/22/2021. (hmc) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
12/10/2021	<u>13</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 12/10/2021)
12/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>13</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 12/14/2021. (lctnm1) (Entered: 12/14/2021)