

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01294-DLF**

REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS  
v. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL et al  
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/11/2021  
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 OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8440631) 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> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (adh, ) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (6) Issued Electronically as to OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/12/2021	<u>3</u>	STANDARD ORDER for civil cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 12, 2021. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/25/2021	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/17/2021. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/16/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/17/21., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY served on 5/17/2021; OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL served on 5/17/2021; OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL served on 5/17/2021; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 5/17/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Combined Affidavits of Mailing)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 05/25/2021)
06/16/2021	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
06/16/2021	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Adam Alexander Marshall on behalf of REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Marshall, Adam) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
06/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER directing the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The 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 release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before July 7, 2021. So ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 16, 2021. (lcldf3) (Entered: 06/16/2021)

06/16/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/7/2021 (zjch) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
06/24/2021	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Gunita Singh on behalf of REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Singh, Gunita) (Entered: 06/24/2021)
07/07/2021	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 07/07/2021)
07/08/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before August 6, 2021. So ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 8, 2021. (lcldf3) (Entered: 07/08/2021)
07/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/6/2021 (zjch) (Entered: 07/08/2021)
08/06/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/06/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before October 6, 2021. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 6, 2021. (lcldf3) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/06/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/6/2021 (zjch) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
10/06/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
10/06/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before December 6, 2021. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 6, 2021. (lcldf3) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
12/06/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 12/06/2021)
12/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before February 4, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 7, 2021. (lcldf3) (Entered: 12/07/2021)
02/04/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Marshall, Adam) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/04/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before April 5, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 4, 2022. (lcldf3) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
04/05/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
04/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before June 6, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 5, 2022. (lcldf3) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
06/06/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 06/06/2022)

06/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before August 5, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 7, 2022. (lcldf3) (Entered: 06/07/2022)
08/05/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
08/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, they are directed to file another joint status report on or before September 2, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 5, 2022. (lcldf3) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
09/02/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 09/02/2022)
09/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties complete summary judgment briefing on the following schedule: Defendants' motion shall be filed by October 27, 2022; Plaintiff's opposition and cross-motion shall be filed by December 16, 2022; Defendants' reply and opposition to the cross-motion shall be filed by January 20, 2023; and Plaintiff's reply in support of the cross-motion shall be filed by February 10, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 2, 2022. (lcldf3) (Entered: 09/02/2022)
09/02/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 12/16/2022. Response to Cross Motions due by 1/20/2023. Reply to Cross Motions due by 2/10/2023. Motions due by 10/27/2022. Responses due by 12/16/2022. Replies due by 1/20/2023. (zjch, ) (Entered: 09/02/2022)
10/25/2022	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Summary Judgment Motions</i> by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 10/25/2022)
10/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendants' <u>17</u> Motion for Extension of Time. It is ORDERED that the parties complete summary judgment briefing on the following schedule: Defendants' motion shall be filed by November 4, 2022; Plaintiff's opposition and cross-motion shall be filed by December 23, 2022; Defendants' reply and opposition to the cross-motion shall be filed by January 25, 2023; and Plaintiff's reply in support of the cross-motion shall be filed by February 17, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 26, 2022. (lcldf2) (Entered: 10/26/2022)
10/26/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 12/23/2022. Response to Cross Motions due by 1/25/2023. Reply to Cross Motions due by 2/17/2023. (zjch, ) (Entered: 10/27/2022)
11/04/2022	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1 (Brinkmann Declaration), # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2 (Seidel Declaration), # <u>4</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 11/04/2022)
12/19/2022	<u>19</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
12/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendants' <u>19</u> Motion for Extension of Time. It is ORDERED that the parties complete the remaining summary judgment briefing on the following schedule: Plaintiff's opposition and cross-motion shall be filed by January 23, 2023; Defendants' reply and opposition to the cross-motion shall be filed by March 2, 2023; and Plaintiff's reply in support of the cross-motion shall be filed by March 23, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 20, 2022. (lcldf2) (Entered: 12/20/2022)
12/20/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 1/23/2023. Response to Cross Motions due by 3/2/2023. Reply to Cross Motions due by 3/23/2023. (zsmc) (Entered: 12/20/2022)

01/17/2023	<u>20</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 01/17/2023)
01/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting the <u>20</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. It is ORDERED that the parties complete the remaining summary judgment briefing on the following schedule: Plaintiff's opposition and cross-motion shall be filed by March 6, 2023; Defendants' reply and opposition to the cross-motion shall be filed by April 10, 2023; and Plaintiff's reply in support of the cross-motion shall be filed by May 5, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 18, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
01/18/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Opposition and Cross Motion due by 3/6/2023. Reply and Opposition to Cross Motion due by 4/10/2023. Reply in Support of the Cross Motion due by 5/5/2023. (smc) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
02/27/2023	<u>21</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/27/2023)
02/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting the plaintiff's <u>21</u> Consent Motion for Modification of Briefing Schedule. It is ORDERED that the parties complete the remaining summary judgment briefing on the following schedule: Plaintiff's opposition and cross-motion shall be filed by April 7, 2023; Defendants' reply and opposition to the cross-motion shall be filed by May 9, 2023; and Plaintiff's reply in support of the cross-motion shall be filed by June 2, 2023. <u>No further extensions will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances or a motion to stay the case.</u> So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 27, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 02/27/2023)
02/27/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 4/7/2023. Response to Cross Motions due by 5/9/2023. Reply to Cross Motions due by 6/2/2023. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/7/2023. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/9/2023. (zjch, ) (Entered: 02/27/2023)
03/31/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Case</i> by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 03/31/2023)
03/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Motion to Stay. This case is STAYED. The parties are directed to file a joint status report on or before May 1, 2023 if a stipulation of dismissal is not filed before then. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 31, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 03/31/2023)
05/01/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gaffney, Michael) (Entered: 05/01/2023)
05/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file a joint status report on or before May 31, 2023 if a stipulation of dismissal is not filed before then. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 1, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 05/01/2023)
05/31/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 05/31/2023)
05/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file a joint status report on or before June 30, 2023 if a stipulation of dismissal is not filed before then. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 31, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 05/31/2023)
06/21/2023	<u>25</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 06/21/2023)
06/26/2023		MINUTE ORDER dismissing this case with prejudice in light of the parties' <u>25</u> Stipulation of Dismissal. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a). The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 26, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 06/26/2023)