

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00476-APM

JONES v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/22/2022
Date Terminated: 07/06/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 550 Prisoner Petition: Civil Rights (Other)
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff**CLYDE JONES**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/22/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402, receipt number 201632) filed by CLYDE JONES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibits, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(zeg) (Entered: 02/24/2022)
02/24/2022		SUMMONS Not Issued as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (zeg) (Entered: 02/24/2022)
03/17/2022	<u>2</u>	MOTION to have Service made by the U.S. Marshal Service by CLYDE JONES. "Let this be filed" Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/17/2022. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Summons)(zeg) (Entered: 03/23/2022)
03/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's request for service by the U.S. Marshals Service. The Clerk of Court shall issue the requested summonses and coordinate with the U.S. Marshals Service to effect service. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/27/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
06/06/2022	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. Sent to U.S. Marshals for service. (z mh) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
07/15/2022	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/6/2022., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/6/2022. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/5/2022.) (zed) (Entered: 07/19/2022)

07/26/2022	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kenneth A. Adebonojo on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 07/26/2022)
08/04/2022	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendant's Answer or Other Response to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 08/04/2022)
08/05/2022		ORDER granting Defendant's <u>6</u> Motion to Enlarge Time to File an Answer or Other Response to Plaintiff's Complaint. Defendant shall file an answer to Plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint no later than September 6, 2022. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/05/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
08/12/2022	<u>7</u>	Summons Returned Unexecuted by CLYDE JONES as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (zed) (Entered: 08/15/2022)
08/19/2022	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 8/15/2022 (zed) (Entered: 08/25/2022)
08/19/2022	<u>9</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to filed by CLYDE JONES. (zed) (Entered: 08/25/2022)
09/07/2022	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 09/07/2022)
09/08/2022	<u>11</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before September 22, 2022. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/08/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/08/2022)
09/22/2022	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 09/22/2022)
09/23/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The United States shall file an additional Status Report by October 21, 2022, which updates the court on the status of processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/23/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/23/2022)
09/23/2022	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Entry of Default Judgment as to by CLYDE JONES. (zed) (Entered: 09/27/2022)
10/03/2022		MINUTE ORDER denying Plaintiff's <u>13</u> Pro Se Motion Requesting Entry of Default Judgment. Defendant Department of Justice has not been an "essentially unresponsive party." <i>H. F. Livermore Corp. v. Aktiengesellschaft Gebruder Loepfe</i> , 432 F.2d 689, 691 (D.C. Cir. 1970) (stating that "default judgment must normally be viewed as available only when the adversary process has been halted because of an essentially unresponsive party"). Defendant has answered the complaint, <u>10</u> , and submitted a Status Report as ordered by the court, <u>12</u> . Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion is denied. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/03/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/03/2022)
10/21/2022	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 10/21/2022)
10/24/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The United States shall file an additional Status Report by December 22, 2022, which updates the court on the status of processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/24/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/24/2022)
10/24/2022	<u>15</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order on Motion for Default Judgment, filed by CLYDE JONES. (zed) (Entered: 10/27/2022)
10/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The clerk of court shall mail to Plaintiff a copy of Defendant's answer, ECF No. <u>10</u> , and its two status reports, ECF Nos. <u>12</u> and <u>14</u> . Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/28/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/28/2022)

12/23/2022	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 12/23/2022)
12/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant shall file an additional Status Report by February 17, 2023, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/27/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 12/28/2022)
02/03/2023	<u>17</u>	Letter from CLYDE JONES. "LET THIS BE FILED" Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/3/2023. (zed) (Entered: 02/03/2023)
02/16/2023	<u>18</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 02/16/2023)
02/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant shall file an additional Status Report by May 12, 2023, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/20/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/20/2023)
03/09/2023	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Order by CLYDE JONES. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(zed) (Entered: 03/15/2023)
03/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant shall respond to <u>19</u> Plaintiff's motion as part of its next Status Report. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/16/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 03/16/2023)
05/15/2023	<u>20</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 05/15/2023)
05/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff shall notify the court by June 15, 2023, whether he intends to challenge the Defendant's search or its production. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/16/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
05/16/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff shall notify the court by June 15, 2023, whether he intends to challenge the Defendant's search or its production. (smc) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
07/05/2023		MINUTE ORDER dismissing this action without prejudice. In this FOIA action, Defendant notified the court on May 15, 2023, that it had completed its release of records to Plaintiff. See Status Report, ECF No. <u>20</u> . The court then directed Plaintiff to notify the court by June 15, 2023, whether he intended to challenge Defendant's search or production. See Minute Order, 05/16/2023. Plaintiff did not respond to the court's order. The court now gives Plaintiff one last opportunity to confirm that he wishes to continue litigating this matter. Unless Plaintiff notifies the court by July 29, 2023, that he objects to Defendant's search or production, the court will deem any objections waived and will dismiss this matter. See Clemente v. Fed. Bureau of Investigation, 867 F.3d 111, 122 (D.C. Cir. 2017). Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/05/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 07/05/2023)