

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01399-BAH**

AMEEN v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE et al
Assigned to: Judge Beryl A. Howell
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/21/2021
Date Terminated: 09/07/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/21/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8471846) filed by OMAR AMEEN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1-10, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 11-20, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 21-30, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 31-33, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>6</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/21/2021)
05/21/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of OMAR AMEEN (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/21/2021)
05/24/2021		Case Assigned to Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zsb) (Entered: 05/24/2021)
05/24/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 05/24/2021)
05/24/2021	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 24, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/24/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 6/7/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2021)

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06/28/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 6/7/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/7/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/7/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/7/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/07/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
07/07/2021	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael A. Tilghman on behalf of FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 07/07/2021)
07/07/2021	<u>11</u>	MOTION to Dismiss by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 07/07/2021)
07/21/2021	<u>12</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by OMAR AMEEN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/28/2021	<u>13</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>11</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 07/28/2021)
09/13/2021	<u>14</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER DENYING defendants' <u>11</u> Motion to Dismiss. See Memorandum Opinion and Order for further details. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 13, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
09/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint due by 9/27/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
09/27/2021	<u>15</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 09/27/2021)
10/12/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 10/12/2021)
10/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, in light of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit, by December 12, 2021, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter and proposing a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 13, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 10/13/2021)
10/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/12/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 10/13/2021)
12/10/2021	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 12/10/2021)
12/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit a joint status report by February 8, 2022, with a proposed schedule to govern further proceedings in this matter. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on December 13, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 12/13/2021)

12/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/8/2022. (hmc) (Entered: 12/13/2021)
02/08/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 02/08/2022)
02/09/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit a joint status report by April 8, 2022, with a proposed schedule to govern further proceedings in this matter. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on February 9, 2022. (lcbah4) (Entered: 02/09/2022)
02/09/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/8/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 02/09/2022)
04/05/2022	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of OMAR AMEEN (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
04/08/2022	<u>20</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/08/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit a joint status report by June 7, 2022, with a proposed schedule to govern further proceedings in this matter. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on April 8, 2022. (lcbah4) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/11/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/7/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
06/07/2022	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/07/2022)
06/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by September 6, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court whether any disputes remain between the parties, and if so, proposing a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on June 8, 2022. (lcbah4) (Entered: 06/08/2022)
06/09/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/6/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 06/09/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>23</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Attorney Dedra Seibel Curteman terminated. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
09/02/2022	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 09/02/2022)
09/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by October 31, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court whether any disputes remain between the parties, and if so, proposing a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 2, 2022. (lcbah4) (Entered: 09/02/2022)
09/06/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/31/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 09/06/2022)
10/31/2022	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 10/31/2022)
10/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by January 30, 2023, a joint status report advising the Court whether any disputes remain between the parties, and if so, proposing a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 31, 2022. (lcbah4) (Entered: 10/31/2022)

11/01/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/30/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 11/01/2022)
01/31/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
01/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit, by April 28, 2023, a joint status report advising the Court whether any disputes remain between the parties, and if so, proposing a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on January 31, 2023. (lcbah4) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
02/01/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/28/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 02/01/2023)
02/21/2023	<u>27</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of OMAR AMEEN (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/22/2023		RESOLVED...NOTICE of Provisional/Government Not Certified Status re NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick), Your attorney renewal/government certification has not been received. As a result, your membership with the U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia is not in good standing, and you are not permitted to file. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.9, you must immediately correct your membership status by following the appropriate instructions on this page of our website: https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-renewal . Please be advised that the presiding judge in this case has been notified that you are currently not in good standing to file in this court. Renewal Due by 3/1/2023. (zbaj) Modified on 2/23/2023 (znmw). Modified on 3/2/2023 (zbaj). (Entered: 02/22/2023)
04/28/2023	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 04/28/2023)
05/02/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by July 28, 2023, another joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 2, 2023. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/02/2023)
05/03/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/28/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 05/03/2023)
07/25/2023	<u>29</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Jeremy S. Simon on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Michael A. Tilghman, II (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 07/25/2023)
07/27/2023	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 07/27/2023)
07/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>30</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by October 28, 2023, another joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 27, 2023. (lcbah4) (Entered: 07/27/2023)
07/28/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/28/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 07/28/2023)
09/06/2023	<u>31</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by OMAR AMEEN. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 09/06/2023)
09/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DISMISSING this matter, with prejudice, pursuant to plaintiff's <u>31</u> Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i). The Clerk of the Court is directed to close this case. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 7, 2023. (lcbah4) (Entered: 09/07/2023)