

**U.S. District Court  
District of Maryland (Baltimore)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02412-GLR**

Bahrampour v. National Security Agency  
Assigned to: Judge George Levi Russell, III  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/20/2021  
Date Terminated: 02/07/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

**Plaintiff**

**Afshin Bahrampour**

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**Defendant**

**National Security Agency**

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**Defendant**

**Department of Homeland Security**  
*TERMINATED: 11/23/2021*

**Defendant**

**Department of Defense**  
*TERMINATED: 11/23/2021*

**Defendant**

**Central Intelligence Agency**  
*TERMINATED: 11/23/2021*

**Defendant**

**Department of Energy**  
*TERMINATED: 11/23/2021*

**Defendant**

**Environmental Protection Agency**  
*TERMINATED: 11/23/2021*

**Defendant**

**Department of Justice**  
*TERMINATED: 11/23/2021*

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09/20/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Environmental Protection Agency, National Security Agency, filed by Afshin Bahrapour. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(dg3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
09/20/2021	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Attachment)(dg3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
10/08/2021		Case Reassigned to Judge George Levi Russell, III. Judge Deborah L. Boardman no longer assigned to the case. (kns, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 10/08/2021)
11/23/2021	<u>3</u>	ORDER granting <u>2</u> Bahrapour's Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis; dismissing the claims against Defendants Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Justice; and granting Bahrapour 28 days to file an amended complaint against the NSA. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 11/23/2021. (c/m 11/23/21 bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 11/23/2021)
12/16/2021	<u>4</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against National Security Agency, filed by Afshin Bahrapour. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix A, # <u>2</u> Appendix B, # <u>3</u> Envelope)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 12/16/2021)
12/22/2021	<u>5</u>	ORDER DIRECTING Clerk mail plaintiff 3 copies of the U.S. Marshal process forms and summons; GRANTING plaintiff 21 days to complete and return forms for service. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 12/22/2021. (c/m) (hmls, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 12/22/2021)
01/04/2022	<u>6</u>	Correspondence from Afshin Bahrapour re: Summons and UMS-285 Forms (Attachments: # <u>1</u> USM-285 Forms, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/04/2022)
01/11/2022	<u>7</u>	Summons Issued 60 days as to National Security Agency, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> USM-285 Forms)(c/em to USMS 1/11/22 bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/11/2022)
01/31/2022	<u>8</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Service served on U.S. Attorney General and National Security Agency.(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
01/31/2022	<u>9</u>	Correspondence from Afshin Bahrapour re: Notice to the Court Regarding U.S. Marshal Service Process Forms. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Cover Letter, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
02/01/2022	<u>10</u>	ORDER denying <u>9</u> Notice to the Court Regarding U.S. Marshal Service Process Forms. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 2/1/2022. (c/m 2/1/22 bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 02/01/2022)
02/11/2022	<u>11</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed National Security Agency served on 1/20/2022, answer due 3/21/2022.(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 02/14/2022)
02/22/2022	<u>12</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to Respond to Plaintiff's Complaint by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 02/22/2022)
02/24/2022	<u>13</u>	ORDER granting in part <u>12</u> Defendant National Security Agency's Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 2/24/2022. (c/m 2/24/21 bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 02/24/2022)
02/28/2022	<u>14</u>	MOTION and Notice to Court on Intervening Matter of One Additional FOIA Request Letter Sent to Defendants on 2/8/2022 and Request to Take Judicial Notice of Relevant Case Law and Government Contracts by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Appendix A, # <u>3</u> Appendix B, # <u>4</u> Appendix C, # <u>5</u> Envelope)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Additional attachment(s) added on 3/1/2022: # <u>6</u> Appendix D - Part 1, # <u>7</u> Appendix D - Part 2) (bmhs, Deputy Clerk). (Entered: 03/01/2022)
03/07/2022	<u>15</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition to <u>12</u> NSA's Motion for Extension of Time and Deference to the Court on the Matter filed by Afshin Bahrapour. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix A, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/07/2022)

03/08/2022	<u>16</u>	ORDER granting <u>12</u> Defendant National Security Agency's Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 3/8/2022. (c/m 3/9/22)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/09/2022)
04/26/2022	<u>17</u>	MOTION to Dismiss <i>or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/26/2022	<u>18</u>	Rule 12/56 notice mailed to Afshin Bahrapour. (c/m 4/26/22 bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
05/16/2022	<u>19</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition to <u>17</u> Defendant's Motion to Dismiss <i>or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by Afshin Bahrapour. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Envelope)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
05/31/2022	<u>20</u>	REPLY to Response to Motion re <u>17</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by National Security Agency.(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
06/06/2022	<u>21</u>	Supplement (Memorandum in Support) to <u>19</u> Response in Opposition to Motion, filed by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(kos, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
06/17/2022	<u>22</u>	RETURN DOCUMENT ORDER. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 6/17/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> First Page of Returned Document)(c/m 6/17/22 bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
06/27/2022	<u>23</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Sur–Reply by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Sur=Reply)(bas, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 06/27/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>24</u>	MOTION for Exercise of Supplemental Jurisdiction and MOTION for Appointment of Pro Bono Counsel by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/25/2022	<u>25</u>	MOTION Requesting the Court take Supplemental Jurisdiction by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(kos, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 07/25/2022)
08/08/2022	<u>26</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>25</u> MOTION by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 08/08/2022)
08/08/2022	<u>27</u>	ORDER Granting in Part and Denying in Part <u>14</u> Motion and Notice to Court on Intervening Matter of One Additional FOIA Request Letter Sent to Defendants on 2/8/2022 and Request to Take Judicial Notice of Relevant Case Law and Government Contracts. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 8/8/2022. (c/m 8/9/2022 bas, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 08/09/2022)
08/09/2022	<u>28</u>	MOTION Requesting Court to Take Judicial Notice by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Attachments, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(bas, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 08/09/2022)
08/10/2022	<u>29</u>	ORDER denying Bahrapours First Motion <u>24</u> ; Bahrapours Motion to Amend <u>25</u> ; NSA's Motion to Extend <u>26</u> ; and Bahrapours Motion to Take Notice <u>28</u> . Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 8/10/2022. (c/m 8/10/22)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
08/30/2022	<u>30</u>	MOTION for Leave to Amend Complaint and Requesting copy of original complaint by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(kos, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 08/30/2022)
09/01/2022	<u>31</u>	ORDER directing the Clerk to mail a copy of the original complaint to Bahrapour; and directing Bahrapour to supplement his Motion for Leave to Amend by filing the proposed amended complaint within 60 days. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 9/1/2022. (c/m w/ECF 4 Amended Complaint 9/1/22 bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/01/2022)
09/26/2022	<u>32</u>	SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT against National Security Agency filed by Afshin Bahrapour. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix, # <u>2</u> Cover Letter, # <u>3</u>

		Envelope)(bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/26/2022)
10/25/2022	<u>33</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>32</u> Amended Complaint by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 10/25/2022)
10/25/2022	<u>34</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>33</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply re as to <u>32</u> Second Amended Complaint; GRANTING <u>30</u> Motion for Leave to File Amend Complaint. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 10/25/2022. (c/m) (hmls, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 10/25/2022)
11/14/2022	<u>35</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings</i> by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 11/14/2022)
11/16/2022	<u>36</u>	ORDER granting <u>35</u> Defendant's Motion to Stay Proceedings; denying as moot <u>17</u> Defendant's Motion to Dismiss; denying as moot <u>23</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File a Sur-Reply. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 11/16/2022. (c/m 11/16/2022 ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 11/16/2022)
11/28/2022	<u>37</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>35</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings</i> filed by Afshin Bahrapour. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 11/29/2022)
12/01/2022	<u>38</u>	ORDER directing that this matter remains stayed; Status Report due 2/14/2023. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 12/1/2022. (c/m 12/1/2022 ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 12/01/2022)
01/27/2023	<u>39</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/30/2023)
02/14/2023	<u>40</u>	STATUS REPORT by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 02/14/2023)
03/28/2023	<u>41</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/29/2023)
03/28/2023	<u>42</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Motion Seeking Appointment of Pro Bono Counsel or Pro Bono Investigator by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/29/2023)
04/12/2023	<u>43</u>	ORDER denying <u>42</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Motion Seeking Appointment of Pro Bono Counsel or Pro Bono Investigator; directing that the matter will remain stayed for an additional 60 days; directing that within 60 days of this Order, the NSA shall file a status report to inform the Court of the parties' progress. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 4/12/2023. (c/m 4/12/2023 ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 04/12/2023)
06/12/2023	<u>44</u>	STATUS REPORT by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>45</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to Respond to Second Amended Complaint by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/13/2023	<u>46</u>	ORDER LIFTING STAY; granting <u>45</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Second Amended Complaint. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 7/13/2023. (c/m p 7/13/23 ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>47</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by National Security Agency (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>48</u>	QC NOTICE: <u>47</u> Motion for Summary Judgment filed by National Security Agency was filed incorrectly. **The following attachments or exhibits are missing – Proposed Order. To correct this problem, file Proposed Order using the event Notice (Other) and link Proposed Order to <u>47</u> . (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>49</u>	Rule 12/56 notice mailed to Afshin Bahrapour (c/m p 8/14/23 ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 08/14/2023)

08/14/2023	<u>50</u>	NOTICE by National Security Agency re <u>47</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment – <i>proposed Order</i> (Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/30/2023	<u>51</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>43</u> Order denying on Motion for Pro Bono Counsel and Response in Opposition to <u>47</u> Defendant's Motion to Dismiss by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix 1, # <u>2</u> Appendix 2, # <u>3</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 08/31/2023)
09/11/2023	<u>52</u>	Correspondence re: Line (Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
10/04/2023	<u>53</u>	NOTICE by National Security Agency re: <i>Line</i> (Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 10/04/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>54</u>	ORDER directing the Clerk to update Plaintiff's address; granting Plaintiff's Request for Extension of Time; denying <u>51</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 10/11/2023. (c/m p 10/11/23 ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
10/24/2023	<u>55</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration of Appointment of Pro Bono Counsel due to Changed Circumstances by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/24/2023	<u>56</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address and Request for 30–Day Extension to File Opposition to Defendants Motion to Dismiss by Afshin Bahrapour (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
11/01/2023	<u>57</u>	ORDER denying <u>55</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration of Pro Bono Counsel; granting <u>56</u> Plaintiff's Request for 30–day Extension to File Opposition. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 11/1/2023. (c/m p 11/1/23 ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>58</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>47</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Afshin Bahrapour. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 11/14/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>59</u>	REPLY to Response to Motion re <u>47</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by National Security Agency.(Phillips, Kimberly) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
02/07/2024	<u>60</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 2/7/2024. (c/m 2/7/2024 ah8s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/07/2024	<u>61</u>	ORDER granting <u>47</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment; JUDGMENT entered in favor of Defendant against Plaintiff; directing the Clerk to close the case. Signed by Judge George Levi Russell, III on 2/7/2024. (c/m 2/7/2024 ah8s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 02/07/2024)