

**United States District Court  
for the  
District of Columbia**

Matthew J. Sherven

Plaintiff

v.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Defendant

Case: 1:23-cv-03923  
Assigned To : Unassigned  
Assign. Date : 12/31/2023  
Description: FOIA/Privacy Act (I-DECK)

**Parties to Complaint**

**Plaintiff**

Name: Matthew Sherven

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**Defendant**

Name: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Address: FBI Headquarters, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

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## **Basis for Jurisdiction**

This action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S. Code § 1983 – Civil action for deprivation of rights, and 5 U.S.C. § 552 – The Freedom of Information Act. The court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c).

## **Statement of Facts**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is preventing the Plaintiff from submitting Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to them. One the FBI's website, whenever the Plaintiff clicks the button to submit a request, it takes him to a page where he has to fill out his email. In the email there is a link that takes the Plaintiff back to the page where the Plaintiff's email was entered. The FBI is deliberately misdirecting the Plaintiff and preventing him from submitting FOIA requests, because the FBI is mad at the Plaintiff for requesting so much information on illegal, covered up, operations that they were conducting.

## **Plea for Relief**

The Plaintiff is asking the court to order the FBI to process his FOIA request, which is attached to this lawsuit.

## **Certification and Closing**

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a non-frivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

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Signed: 12/31/2023

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