

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01617-TNM**

CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC v. FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION et al

Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/14/2021

Date Terminated: 02/22/2024

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/14/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8527680) filed by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G, # <u>8</u> Exhibit H, # <u>9</u> Summons, # <u>10</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 06/14/2021)
06/14/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 06/14/2021)
06/15/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zsb) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/15/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/23/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/22/21., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/22/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/22/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 6/22/2021; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 6/22/2021 (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 06/23/2021)

07/21/2021	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of All Defendants (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/21/2021	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/21/2021	<u>8</u>	ORDER setting a Telephonic Initial Scheduling Conference for August 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. Dial-in information will be sent to the parties. See attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/21/2021. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/22/2021	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Adam Alexander Marshall on behalf of CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC (Marshall, Adam) (Entered: 07/22/2021)
07/22/2021		Set/Reset Hearings: Telephonic Initial Scheduling Conference set for 8/25/2021 at 10:00 AM before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 07/22/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Gunita Singh on behalf of CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC (Singh, Gunita) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order of Defendants, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order of Plaintiff)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/25/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Trevor N. McFadden: Case called for an Initial Scheduling Conference, but not held. Telephonic Status Conference held on 8/25/2021. Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2021, and every 60 days thereafter. (Court Reporter: Crystal Pilgrim.) (hmc) (Entered: 08/25/2021)
10/25/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
12/22/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 12/22/2021)
02/22/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Marshall, Adam) (Entered: 02/22/2022)
04/25/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Plaintiff's Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 04/25/2022)
04/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall appear for a telephonic status conference on July 1, 2022, at 2 p.m. Dial-in information will be emailed to the parties. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/26/2022. (lctnm3) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/26/2022		Set/Reset Hearings: Telephonic Status Conference set for 7/1/2022 at 2:00 PM before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
06/24/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
07/01/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Trevor N. McFadden: Telephonic Status Conference held on 7/1/2022. Joint Status Report due by 8/23/2022. (Court Reporter: Tammy Nestor.) (hmc) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
08/23/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
10/17/2022	<u>18</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Daniel P. Schaefer (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 10/17/2022)
10/24/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 10/24/2022)
12/19/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
02/03/2023	<u>21</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brian J. Levy on behalf of FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

		OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Robert A. Caplen (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 02/03/2023)
02/21/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
04/24/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order of Plaintiff)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 04/24/2023)
04/24/2023		MINUTE ORDER: After considering the <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another JSR by June 23, 2023. The Court DENIES Plaintiff's request that the Court order Defendants to complete the remaining processing within 14 days. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/24/2023. (lctnm3) (Entered: 04/24/2023)
04/25/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/23/2023. (hmc) (Entered: 04/25/2023)
06/23/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 06/23/2023)
08/22/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report and Thirteenth Joint Status Report</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Levy, Brian) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
08/22/2023	26	Joint STATUS REPORT by CODEBREAKER FILMS LLC, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (See Docket Entry <u>25</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 08/23/2023)
08/24/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the <u>25</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report and Thirteenth Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that the motion is GRANTED. The parties shall file another JSR on or before November 27, 2023 and every 60 days thereafter. The JSR shall include details regarding the status of the Government's reprocessing of records, along with any relevant developments in this matter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/24/2023. (lctnm3) (Entered: 08/24/2023)
08/25/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/27/2023. (hmc) (Entered: 08/25/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
01/26/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 01/26/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>29</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/21/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the <u>29</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, the Court ORDERS that this case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 2/21/2024. (lctnm3) (Entered: 02/21/2024)