

**U.S. District Court  
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01034-RDM**

ROOTHS v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR et al  
 Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/13/2023  
 Date Terminated: 03/04/2024  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/13/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9997147) filed by LARRY ROOTHS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons, # <u>8</u> Summons, # <u>9</u> Summons, # <u>10</u> Summons)(Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/13/2023)
04/14/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zrtw) (Entered: 04/14/2023)

04/14/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 04/14/2023)
04/14/2023	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/14/2023. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 04/14/2023)
05/10/2023	<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 May 1, 2023. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/10/2023)
05/10/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 5/1/2023 (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/10/2023)
05/10/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE served on 4/25/2023 (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/10/2023)
05/10/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. PARK POLICE served on 4/26/2023 (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/10/2023)
05/10/2023	<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 5/1/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/31/2023. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/10/2023)
05/29/2023	<u>9</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>or Otherwise Respond (Partially Unopposed)</i> by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 05/29/2023)
05/31/2023	<u>10</u>	RESPONSE re <u>9</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>or Otherwise Respond (Partially Unopposed)</i> filed by LARRY ROOTHS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/31/2023)
06/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendants' Partially Unopposed Motion to Extend Time, Dkt. <u>9</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendants shall file a response to the complaint in this action on or before June 29, 2023. The government is cautioned, in the future, to ensure that new cases are promptly assigned. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/1/2023. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 06/01/2023)
06/29/2023	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE.(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 06/29/2023)
07/03/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before July 27, 2023, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear by video for an Initial Scheduling Conference on August 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., before Judge Randolph D. Moss. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/3/2023. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 07/03/2023)
07/27/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 07/27/2023)
07/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that (1) the August 3, 2023 initial scheduling conference is VACATED; and (2) the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before August 25, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/27/2023. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 07/27/2023)
08/25/2023	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 08/25/2023)
08/25/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of parties' August 25, 2023, Joint Status Report <u>13</u> , it is ORDERED that the next joint status report will be due on or before

		October 24, 2023. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 08/25/2023)
10/24/2023	<u>14</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Walker, Anna) Modified on 10/26/2023 refiled correctly at entry <u>15</u> . (zjm). (Entered: 10/24/2023)
10/25/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT ( <i>Corrected</i> ) by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/25/2023	<u>16</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report (Nunc Pro Tunc)</i> by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/25/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Defendants' Consent Motion for Extension of Time Nunc Pro Tunc, Dkt. <u>16</u> , and in light of the parties' corrected Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before Nov. 23, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/25/23. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
11/22/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 11/22/2023)
11/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties submit a further joint status report on or before Dec. 22, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/27/23. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
12/22/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 12/22/2023)
12/23/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file a further joint status report on or before January 31, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/23/24. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 12/23/2023)
01/31/2024	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. PARK POLICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/31/2024)
02/02/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>19</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file a further joint status report on or before March 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/2/24. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 02/02/2024)
03/03/2024	<u>20</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by LARRY ROOTHS. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/03/2024)
03/04/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the Stipulation of Dismissal, Dkt. <u>20</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the case is DISMISSED with prejudice and with each side bearing its own costs and fees. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate this case. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/4/24. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 03/04/2024)