

**U.S. District Court  
Southern District of Indiana (Indianapolis)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00095-RLY-KMB**

SWEIGERT v. BENASSI et al  
Assigned to: District Judge Richard L Young  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Kellie M. Barr  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/15/2024  
Date Terminated: 03/06/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**D.G. SWEIGERT**

represented by **D.G. SWEIGERT**  
514 Americas Way  
PMB 13339  
Box Elder, SD 57719  
PRO SE

V.

**Defendant**

**MATTHEW BENASSI**  
*Air Force civilian employee*

represented by **MATTHEW BENASSI**  
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PRO SE

**Defendant**

**U.S. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH**

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**Defendant**

**U.S. COAST GUARD**

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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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**U.S. AIR FORCE**

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| 01/15/2024 | <u>1</u>  | COMPLAINT against MATTHEW BENASSI, U.S. AIR FORCE, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, filed by D.G. SWEIGERT. (No fee paid with this filing) (DJH) (Entered: 01/16/2024)   |
| 01/16/2024 | <u>2</u>  | MAGISTRATE JUDGE's NOTICE of Availability to Exercise Jurisdiction issued. (DJH) (Entered: 01/16/2024)   |
| 01/16/2024 | <u>3</u>  | Notice to File Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement. (RAGS) (DJH) (Entered: 01/16/2024)   |
| 02/02/2024 | <u>4</u>  | NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY – Your civil rights complaint has been received. You shall have through 2/23/2024 in which to correct the deficiencies as follows: You must either pay the 405.00 filing fee for this action or demonstrate that you lack the financial ability to do so by filing a motion for leave to proceed without the prepayment of the filing fee ( <i>in forma pauperis</i> ). A form motion for leave to proceed without the prepayment of the filing fee is being provided for your use. NOTE TO PRISONER – If you seek leave to proceed without prepaying the filing fee, and you are a prisoner, your motion must be accompanied by a copy of the transactions associated with your institution trust account for the 6–month period preceding the filing of this action. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> IFP form) (TMD) (Entered: 02/02/2024) |
| 02/22/2024 | <u>5</u>  | RECEIPT #9129 for filing fee in the amount of \$405.00, paid by D.G. SWEIGERT. (DJH) (Entered: 02/22/2024)   |
| 02/22/2024 | <u>6</u>  | Letter Received with Payment from D.G. SWEIGERT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope) (JSR) (Entered: 02/26/2024)  |
| 02/28/2024 | <u>7</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Shelese M. Woods on behalf of Defendants U.S. AIR FORCE, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Woods, Shelese) (Entered: 02/28/2024)   |
| 02/28/2024 | <u>8</u>  | MOTION for Extension of Time to 30 days , filed by Defendants U.S. AIR FORCE, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Woods, Shelese) (Entered: 02/28/2024)  |
| 03/01/2024 | <u>9</u>  | ORDER granting <u>8</u> Motion for Enlargement of Time. The time for the above Defendants to answer or otherwise respond to the Plaintiff's operative complaint is enlarged by thirty days to and including March 29, 2024. Copy sent to plaintiff via US mail.. Signed by Magistrate Judge Kellie M. Barr on 3/1/2024. (TPS) (Entered: 03/01/2024)  |
| 03/01/2024 | <u>10</u> | SCHEDULING ORDER – Telephonic Initial Pretrial Conference set for 4/24/2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Time) before Magistrate Judge Kellie M. Barr. The Parties shall attend the conference by calling 571–353–2301, meeting ID 267253362. (SEE ORDER.) Copy sent to plaintiff via US mail. Signed by Magistrate Judge Kellie M. Barr on 3/1/2024.(TPS) (Entered: 03/01/2024)   |
| 03/02/2024 | <u>11</u> | MOTION for Judicial Notice, filed by Plaintiff D.G. SWEIGERT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(BAA) (Entered: 03/04/2024)   |
| 03/06/2024 | <u>12</u> | CLOSED TRANSFER – ORDER TRANSFERRING ACTION TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. See Order. Copy to plaintiff via US Mail. Signed by District Judge Richard L Young on 3/6/2024.(KAA) (Entered: 03/06/2024)  |
| 03/06/2024 | <u>13</u> | Transfer Letter to Clerk of the District of Columbia. Case transferred electronically to District of Columbia, on March 6, 2024. (KAA) (Entered: 03/06/2024)   |