

**U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of TEXAS [LIVE] (Sherman)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 4:20-cv-00468-ALM**

The Transparency Project v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Date Filed: 06/12/2020  
Assigned to: District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III Jury Demand: None  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/12/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0540-7837189.), filed by The Transparency Project. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (FOIA request letter), # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Clevenger, Ty) (Attachment 2 replaced on 6/15/2020) (rpc, ). (Entered: 06/12/2020)
06/12/2020		Case Assigned to District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III. (rpc, ) (Entered: 06/12/2020)
06/12/2020		In accordance with the provisions of 28 USC Section 636(c), you are hereby notified that a U.S. Magistrate Judge of this district court is available to conduct any or all proceedings in this case including a jury or non-jury trial and to order the entry of a final judgment. The form <u>Consent to Proceed Before Magistrate Judge</u> is available on our website. All signed consent forms, excluding pro se parties, should be filed electronically using the event <i>Notice Regarding Consent to Proceed Before Magistrate Judge</i> . (rpc, ) (Entered: 06/12/2020)
06/15/2020	<u>2</u>	Summons Issued as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons(es), # <u>2</u> Summons(es))(rpc, ) (Entered: 06/15/2020)

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08/28/2020	<u>3</u>	NOTICE OF IMPENDING DISMISSAL. Signed by District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III on 8/28/2020. (rpc, ) (Entered: 08/28/2020)
09/08/2020	<u>4</u>	RESPONSE to <u>3</u> Order filed by <i>The Transparency Project</i> . (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (Email exchange), # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 (Email exchange))(Clevenger, Ty) (Entered: 09/08/2020)
10/01/2020	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 10/01/2020)
10/13/2020	<u>6</u>	ORDER GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS. Rule 26 Meeting Report due by 11/13/2020. Rule 16 Management Conference set for 11/30/2020 at 03:30 PM in Ctrm 208 (Sherman) before District Judge Amos L. Mazzant III. Signed by District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III on 10/13/2020. (rpc, ) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
10/21/2020	<u>7</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against All Defendants, filed by The Transparency Project. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (First FOIA request), # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 (Second FOIA request))(Clevenger, Ty) (Entered: 10/21/2020)
11/04/2020	<u>8</u>	<i>Defendant's First Amended</i> ANSWER to <u>7</u> Amended Complaint <i>and Affirmative Defenses</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 11/04/2020)
11/10/2020	<u>9</u>	***FILED IN ERROR. PLEASE DISREGARD*** RESPONSE to <u>6</u> Order,, Set Deadlines/Hearings, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) Modified on 11/12/2020 (rpc, ). (Entered: 11/10/2020)
11/12/2020		NOTICE of Deficiency regarding the <u>9</u> RESPONSE to <u>6</u> Order,, Set Deadlines/Hearings submitted by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. Correspondence should not be filed on the docket. Correction should be made by one business day. (rpc, ) (Entered: 11/12/2020)
11/12/2020	<u>10</u>	RESPONSE to <u>6</u> Order,, Set Deadlines/Hearings, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 11/12/2020)
11/16/2020		In light of the parties' recent filing (Dkt. #10), the Court hereby CANCELS the November 30, 2020 Scheduling Conference. Counsel are directed to provide periodic status reports to the Court. (tls) (Entered: 11/16/2020)
04/08/2021	<u>11</u>	ORDER. It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file a Status Report informing the Court of the status of this case no later than April 19, 2021. Signed by District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III on 4/8/2021. (baf, ) (Entered: 04/08/2021)
04/19/2021	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 04/19/2021)
06/21/2021	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>JOINT</i> ) by The Transparency Project. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (Email exchange))(Clevenger, Ty) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
08/20/2021	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
10/22/2021	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
05/27/2022	<u>16</u>	ORDER – that the parties shall file a Status Report informing the Court of the status of this case no later than June 10, 2022. Signed by District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III on 5/27/2022. (ch, ) (Entered: 05/27/2022)
06/10/2022	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint</i> ) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 06/10/2022)
08/09/2022	<u>18</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 08/09/2022)
09/12/2022	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT [ <i>Joint</i> ] by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Parker, Andrea) (Entered: 09/12/2022)

05/13/2023	<u>20</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay by The Transparency Project. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Clevenger, Ty) (Entered: 05/13/2023)
07/18/2023	<u>21</u>	ORDER. It is now hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Stay (Dkt. <u>20</u> ) is GRANTED for the requested 60 days, through July 14, 2023. Signed by District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III on 7/18/2023. (baf, ) (Entered: 07/18/2023)
12/02/2023	<u>22</u>	ORDER. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a Status Report informing the Court of the status of this case no later than December 21, 2023. Signed by District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III on 12/2/2023. (baf, ) (Entered: 12/04/2023)
12/22/2023	<u>23</u>	NOTICE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE of <i>Substitution of Counsel</i> (Gillingham, James) (Entered: 12/22/2023)
12/22/2023	<u>24</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gillingham, James) (Entered: 12/22/2023)
12/28/2023	<u>25</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gillingham, James) (Entered: 12/28/2023)
02/16/2024	<u>26</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gillingham, James) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
04/16/2024	<u>27</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gillingham, James) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>28</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by The Transparency Project. (Clevenger, Ty) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>29</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT ( <i>Corrected</i> ) by The Transparency Project. (Clevenger, Ty) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
08/13/2024	<u>30</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gillingham, James) (Entered: 08/13/2024)