

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-03047-TJK**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU et al  
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/17/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/17/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8872214) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons as to US Attorney's Office, # <u>3</u> Summons as to Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons as to National Guard Bureau, # <u>5</u> Summons as to U.S. Dep't of Defense, # <u>6</u> Summons as to U.S. Coast Guard, # <u>7</u> Summons as to U.S. Dep't of Homeland Security)(Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 11/17/2021)

11/17/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
11/18/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zsb) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
11/19/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Main Document 3 replaced on 11/30/2021) (adh, ). (Entered: 11/19/2021)
12/08/2021	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU served on 11/22/2021; U.S. COAST GUARD served on 11/23/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 11/23/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 11/23/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/7/2021., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/29/2021. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/29/2021.) (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 12/08/2021)
12/15/2021	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul Cirino on behalf of All Defendants (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/15/2021)
12/15/2021	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint</i> by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/15/2021)
12/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendants' <u>6</u> Consent Motion to Extend Time to Respond to Complaint. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Defendants' <u>6</u> Consent Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendants shall answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's complaint by January 28, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/17/2021. (lctjk2) (Entered: 12/17/2021)
01/28/2022	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/28/2022)
01/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by February 25, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/31/2022. (lctjk2) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
02/25/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/25/2022)
02/25/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT ( <i>Corrected</i> ) by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/25/2022)
02/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>9</u> Corrected Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by April 26, 2022, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 02/26/2022. (lctjk2) (Entered: 02/26/2022)
04/18/2022	<u>10</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>as to Defendant US Coast Guard only</i> by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 04/18/2022)
04/26/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/27/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by June 24, 2022, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 04/27/2022. (lctjk2) (Entered: 04/27/2022)

06/24/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
06/27/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by August 23, 2022, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 06/27/2022. (lctjk2) (Entered: 06/27/2022)
08/23/2022	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Erika Kirstie Oblea on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Paul Cirino (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
08/23/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
08/24/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by November 21, 2022, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 08/24/2022. (lctjk2) (Entered: 08/24/2022)
11/21/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 11/21/2022)
11/22/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by February 21, 2023, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/22/2022. (lctjk2) (Entered: 11/22/2022)
02/21/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by May 22, 2023, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 2/22/2023. (lctjk2) (Entered: 02/22/2023)
05/22/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 05/22/2023)
05/23/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by August 21, 2023, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/23/2023. (lctjk2) (Entered: 05/23/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>18</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE of Appearance by Emma Lewis on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Lewis, Emma) Modified on 7/13/2023 (zth). (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/13/2023		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>18</u> Notice of Appearance. The following error(s) need correction: Incorrect court header/case caption/case number. Please refile. Other- Please refile and remove the headers. Additionally, the document should be filed in PDF format. (zth) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
08/01/2023	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Emma Lewis on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
08/21/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 08/21/2023)
08/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by November 20, 2023, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/22/2023. (lctjk2) (Entered: 08/22/2023)

11/20/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 11/20/2023)
11/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by February 20, 2024, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/21/2023. (lctjk2) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of All Defendants (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
02/05/2024	<u>23</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Mehreen A Rasheed terminated. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 02/05/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/21/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by May 20, 2024, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 2/21/2024. (lctjk2) (Entered: 02/21/2024)
05/20/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
05/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by August 19, 2024, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/22/2024. (lctjk2) (Entered: 05/22/2024)
08/19/2024	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 08/19/2024)
08/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by November 18, 2024, including, if necessary, a jointly proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/20/2024. (lctjk2) (Entered: 08/20/2024)
08/20/2024	<u>27</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. Attorney Sean Michael Tepe terminated. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 08/20/2024)