

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00515-CJN**

BUZZFEED INC. v. FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION et al
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/28/2022
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/28/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9069189) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1-11, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2022)
02/28/2022	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2022)
02/28/2022	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2022)
03/01/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (znmj) (Entered: 03/01/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/07/2022	<u>5</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 7, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 03/07/2022)
04/12/2022	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas Anthony Quinn on behalf of All Defendants (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 04/12/2022)
04/14/2022	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 04/14/2022)
04/27/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before May 6, 2022. The Joint

		Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA requests; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's requests and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's requests can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 27, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
04/27/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/6/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
05/04/2022	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 05/04/2022)
05/06/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
05/13/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of <u>9</u> the Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated joint status report on or before August 12, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 13, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 05/13/2022)
05/13/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/12/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
08/12/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 08/12/2022)
08/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before October 12, 2022, including a proposal for future proceedings. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 16, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/16/2022)
08/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/12/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 08/16/2022)
10/12/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 10/12/2022)
10/19/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional joint status report on or before December 12, 2022, and every 60 days thereafter until either party moves for a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, files a dispositive motion, or the case is terminated. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 19, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/19/2022)
10/19/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/12/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 10/21/2022)
12/12/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 12/12/2022)
02/09/2023	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 02/09/2023)
02/28/2023	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 02/28/2023)
03/10/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 03/10/2023)
04/10/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 04/10/2023)
06/09/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 06/09/2023)
07/18/2023	<u>18</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Anna Davis Walker on behalf of FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Thomas Anthony Quinn (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 07/18/2023)

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08/11/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 08/11/2023)
10/10/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
12/07/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 12/07/2023)
02/06/2024	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 02/06/2024)
04/02/2024	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
04/02/2024	<u>24</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Joshua Ontell on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Anna Davis Walker (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
05/03/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 05/03/2024)
07/03/2024	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 07/03/2024)
09/04/2024	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 09/04/2024)