

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03001-APM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/10/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/10/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10408748) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Department of Health and Human Services, # <u>3</u> Summons US Atty for DC, # <u>4</u> Summons US Atty General)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/10/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Main Document 2 replaced on 10/11/2023) (zcb). (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/11/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zcb) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
11/08/2023	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/13/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/12/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/23/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 10/25/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Blankenberg, Kathryn) (Entered: 11/08/2023)

11/10/2023	<u>5</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, (<i>Or to Otherwise Respond</i>) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 11/10/2023)
11/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>5</u> Unopposed Motion to Extend Time. Defendant's response to the complaint shall now be due on or before January 12, 2024. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/13/23. (lcapm2) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
01/12/2024	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/12/2024)
01/12/2024	<u>7</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before January 26, 2024. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiffs 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); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 1/12/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 01/12/2024)
01/26/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/26/2024)
01/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by March 26, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 1/29/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 01/29/2024)
03/26/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/26/2024)
03/27/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by May 28, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/27/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 03/27/2024)
03/27/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/28/2024. (smc) (Entered: 03/27/2024)
05/28/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
05/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by August 27, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 5/29/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 05/29/2024)
05/31/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties' Joint Status Report due by 8/27/2024. (zakb) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 08/27/2024)
08/28/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by October 29, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/28/2024. (lcapm2) (Entered: 08/28/2024)
08/30/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/29/2024 (zakb) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Production of documents due by 9/6/2024. Status Report due by 9/10/2024. (zakb) (Entered: 08/30/2024)