

**U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of Virginia – (Richmond)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:24-cv-00357-REP**

Malik v. United States Department of State  
Assigned to: District Judge Robert E. Payne  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/17/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/17/2024	<u>1</u>	Complaint ( Filing fee \$ 405, receipt number AVAEDC-9533015.), filed by Crystal Malik. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Gluckman, David) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>2</u>	Proposed Summons by Crystal Malik. (Gluckman, David) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/17/2024		Initial Case Assignment to District Judge Robert E. Payne. (adun, ) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
05/21/2024	<u>3</u>	Summons Issued as to United States Department of State, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. <b>NOTICE TO ATTORNEY:</b> Please remove the headers and print two duplex copies of the Electronically issued summons for each Defendant. Please serve one copy of the summons and a copy of the Complaint upon each Defendant. Please ensure that your process server returns the service copy (executed or unexecuted) to your attention. <u>Electronically file the summons return using the filing events Summons Returned Executed as to USA or Summons Returned Unexecuted as to USA.</u> Please ensure that the original summons page signed by the clerk is the first document to appear when filing the return of service. (adun, ) (Main Document 3 replaced on 5/21/2024) (adun, ). (Entered: 05/21/2024)
06/05/2024	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed. United States Department of State served on 5/22/2024, answer due 7/21/2024. (Gluckman, David) Modified docket text on 6/6/2024 (jsmi, ) (Entered: 06/05/2024)
06/21/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth Catherine Wu on behalf of United States Department of State (Wu, Elizabeth) (Entered: 06/21/2024)

06/21/2024	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by United States Department of State.(Wu, Elizabeth) (Entered: 06/21/2024)
07/01/2024	<u>7</u>	ORDER SETTING PRETRIAL CONFERENCE: Initial Pretrial Conference set for 7/17/2024 at 10:45 AM in Richmond Judges Chamber before District Judge Robert E. Payne. <i>See for complete details</i> . Issued at the direction of the Court. Signed by Nikki Brown with the permission of District Judge Robert E. Payne on 7/1/2024. (nbrow) (Entered: 07/01/2024)
07/01/2024	<u>8</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER. <i>See for complete details</i> . It is so ORDERED. Signed by Nikki Brown with the permission of District Judge Robert E. Payne on 7/1/2024. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Schedule A) (nbrow) (Entered: 07/01/2024)
07/10/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings and Brief in Support</i> by United States Department of State. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Wu, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/10/2024)
07/11/2024	<u>10</u>	ORDER that the JOINT MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS (ECF No. <u>9</u> ) is granted. It is further ORDERED that: (1) This action is stayed until September 10, 2024; and (2) By August 27, 2024, the parties shall file a Joint Status Report advising the Court of the status of the ongoing production of documents; or a Motion for Extension of Stay with a supporting memorandum; and (3) The Initial Pretrial Conference scheduled for 10:45 a.m. July 17, 2024 is cancelled. SEE ORDER FOR DETAILS. Signed by District Judge Robert E. Payne on 7/11/2024. (ewat, ) (Entered: 07/11/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>11</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by United States Department of State. (Wu, Elizabeth) Modified docket text on 8/29/2024 (jenjones, ). (Entered: 08/27/2024)
08/29/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of <i>Stay and Memorandum in Support</i> by United States Department of State. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Wu, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/29/2024)
09/04/2024	<u>13</u>	ORDER. It is hereby ORDERED that the JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND STAY (ECF No. <u>12</u> ) is granted. It is further ORDERED that: The stay entered on July 11, 2024 is extended to November 25, 2024 but no further extensions will be granted; and by November 1, 2024, the parties shall file a Joint Status Report advising the Court the status of, and the expected completion date for, the ongoing production of documents. It is so ORDERED. Signed by District Judge Robert E. Payne on 9/4/2024. (ewat, ) (Entered: 09/05/2024)