

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00577-RC**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE et al
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/04/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/04/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8277002) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1-9, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (adh,) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. ARMY served on 3/25/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 3/25/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU served on 3/22/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/26/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/26/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/25/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/26/2021	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.(Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before May 10, 2021. SO

		ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/26/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/27/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/10/2021. (tj) (Entered: 04/27/2021)
05/10/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Request to Defer Briefing Schedule</i> by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before July 15, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/10/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/11/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/15/2021. (tj) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
07/15/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 07/15/2021)
07/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before September 15, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/15/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/15/2021)
09/15/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 09/15/2021)
09/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 16, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/15/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/15/2021)
11/16/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 11/16/2021)
11/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 23, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/16/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/16/2021)
11/17/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/23/2022 (hs) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
01/21/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 01/21/2022)
01/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before March 14, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/21/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/21/2022)
03/11/2022	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 03/11/2022)
03/14/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 03/14/2022)
03/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before May 13, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/14/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/14/2022)
05/10/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 05/10/2022)
05/10/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 12, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/10/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/10/2022)
07/12/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 07/12/2022)

07/12/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 10, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/12/22. (lrcr2) (Entered: 07/12/2022)
09/10/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 09/10/2022)
09/12/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 8, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/12/2022. (lrcr2) (Entered: 09/12/2022)
11/08/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 11/08/2022)
11/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 10, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/16/22. (lrcr2) (Entered: 11/16/2022)
01/10/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 01/10/2023)
01/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 13, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/10/23. (lrcr2) (Entered: 01/10/2023)
02/21/2023	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/22/2023		RESOLVED...NOTICE of Provisional/Government Not Certified Status re NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick), Your attorney renewal/government certification has not been received. As a result, your membership with the U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia is not in good standing, and you are not permitted to file. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.9, you must immediately correct your membership status by following the appropriate instructions on this page of our website: https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-renewal . Please be advised that the presiding judge in this case has been notified that you are currently not in good standing to file in this court. Renewal Due by 3/1/2023. (zbaj) Modified on 2/23/2023 (znmw). Modified on 3/2/2023 (zbaj). (Entered: 02/22/2023)
03/13/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 03/13/2023)
03/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>24</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before May 15, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/14/23. (lrcr2) (Entered: 03/14/2023)
05/15/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 05/15/2023)
05/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>25</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 13, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/15/23. (lrcr2) (Entered: 05/15/2023)
07/13/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
08/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>26</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 14, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/17/23.

		(lcrc2) (Entered: 08/17/2023)
09/13/2023	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
09/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>27</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 9, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/13/2023. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
11/09/2023	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 11/09/2023)
11/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>28</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 11, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/09/2023. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/09/2023)
01/11/2024	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 01/11/2024)
01/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>29</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 7, 2024. SO ORDERED Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 01/11/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/11/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
03/07/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>30</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before May 9, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 03/07/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
05/09/2024	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 05/09/2024)
05/09/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>31</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 11, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 05/09/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/09/2024)
07/11/2024	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 07/11/2024)
07/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>32</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 19, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 07/11/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/11/2024)
09/19/2024	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Newman, Lisa) (Entered: 09/19/2024)
09/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>33</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 14, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/19/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/19/2024)