## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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Plaintiff(s):

Defendant(s):

First Listed Plaintiff: Mr. Bryan E. Sheppard;

First Listed Defendant:
United States Department of Justice;

County of Residence: Clay County

County of Residence: Outside This District

**County Where Claim For Relief Arose:** Jackson County

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Basis of Jurisdiction: 2. U.S. Government Defendant

Citizenship of Principal Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

Plaintiff: N/A

Defendant: N/A

Origin: 1. Original Proceeding

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Cause of Action: 1. This is an action under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §

552, seeking agency records improperly withheld by Defendant.

Requested in Complaint

Class Action: Not filed as a Class Action Monetary Demand (in Thousands): 0

Jury Demand: No

Related Cases: Is NOT a refiling of a previously dismissed action

Signature:

Date: 12

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