

JS-CAND 44 (Rev. 06/17)

### CIVIL COVER SHEET

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**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

**HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH**

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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**DEFENDANTS**

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- 2 U.S. Government Defendant  4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

	PTF	DEF	PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	1	1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	4
Citizen of Another State	2	2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	3	3	Foreign Nation	6

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
110 Insurance	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC § 881	422 Appeal 28 USC § 158	375 False Claims Act
120 Marine	310 Airplane	690 Other	423 Withdrawal 28 USC § 157	376 Qui Tam (31 USC § 3729(a))
130 Miller Act	315 Airplane Product Liability	<b>LABOR</b>	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>	400 State Reapportionment
140 Negotiable Instrument	320 Assault, Libel & Slander	710 Fair Labor Standards Act	820 Copyrights	410 Antitrust
150 Recovery of Overpayment Of Veteran's Benefits	330 Federal Employers' Liability	720 Labor/Management Relations	830 Patent	430 Banks and Banking
151 Medicare Act	340 Marine	740 Railway Labor Act	835 Patent—Abbreviated New Drug Application	450 Commerce
152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	345 Marine Product Liability	751 Family and Medical Leave Act	840 Trademark	460 Deportation
153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	350 Motor Vehicle	790 Other Labor Litigation	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations
160 Stockholders' Suits	355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	861 HIA (1395ff)	480 Consumer Credit
190 Other Contract	360 Other Personal Injury	<b>IMMIGRATION</b>	862 Black Lung (923)	490 Cable/Sat TV
195 Contract Product Liability	362 Personal Injury -Medical Malpractice	462 Naturalization Application	863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange
196 Franchise	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	465 Other Immigration Actions	864 SSID Title XVI	890 Other Statutory Actions
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>		865 RSI (405(g))	891 Agricultural Acts
210 Land Condemnation	440 Other Civil Rights	<b>HABEAS CORPUS</b>	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>	893 Environmental Matters
220 Foreclosure	441 Voting	463 Alien Detainee	870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	442 Employment	510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC § 7609	896 Arbitration
240 Torts to Land	443 Housing/Accommodations	530 General		899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision
245 Tort Product Liability	445 Amer. w/Disabilities—Employment	535 Death Penalty		950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
290 All Other Real Property	446 Amer. w/Disabilities—Other	<b>OTHER</b>		
	448 Education	540 Mandamus & Other		
		550 Civil Rights		
		555 Prison Condition		
		560 Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement		

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding
- 2 Removed from State Court
- 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- 6 Multidistrict Litigation—Transfer
- 8 Multidistrict Litigation—Direct File

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

5 U.S.C. §552

Brief description of cause:

Freedom of Information Act Violations

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, Fed. R. Civ. P.  DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
JURY DEMAND: Yes  No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY** (See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

**IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (Civil Local Rule 3-2)**

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND

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EUREKA-MCKINLEYVILLE

DATE 03/26/2018

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

*Matthew A Richards*