

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAMES A. MURPHY,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 25-1025 (RBW)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff James A. Murphy and Defendant the Department of Homeland Security, file this joint status report to apprise the Court of the status in this action brought under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Plaintiff James Murphy seeks disclosure of records from the Department of Homeland Security relating to Satoshi Nakamoto, the name for the individual(s) who claim to have created the digital asset Bitcoin. *See generally* Compl. U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) reports that it has completed its search for potentially responsive records, which has resulted in 2,524 potentially responsive documents. ICE made an initial five-page production to Plaintiff on September 12, 2025. As of January 29, 2026, ICE has now completed its responsiveness review of the remaining records. Consequently, ICE has identified one final responsive document, totaling three pages, which it anticipates producing to Plaintiff by next week.

In light of Defendant’s anticipated final production, Plaintiff needs time to review the productions and determine whether further action is necessary.

Given this status, the parties believe that summary judgment and the filing of a *Vaughn*

Index is premature at this time. The parties propose filing another status report in approximately sixty days, or on or before March 30, 2026, that updates the Court on the status of this matter.

Dated: January 29, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file a joint status report on or before March 30, 2026.

SO ORDERED.

Dated

REGGIE B. WALTON
United States District Judge