

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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PATRICK KEANEY
Clerk, U.S. District Court

Deputy Clerk

IN RE: THE APPLICATION FOR)
EXEMPTION FROM THE ELECTRONIC)
PUBLIC ACCESS FEES BY CHRISTOPHER HUHN)

General Order 21-21

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Christopher Huhn (PACER Account No. 6912714) for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.


The Court finds that Mr. Huhn, a student at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Huhn has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Huhn shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, to the extent such access concerns his research into the threat money mules represent to the financial services sector as well as the role they played in cyber-related fraud targeting COVID-19 financial relief programs. Mr. Huhn's research will consist of accessing complaints, exhibits, and answers related to subjects charged with money laundering (in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956), unlicensed money transmission (in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1960), and related crimes constituting money laundering's underlying specified unlawful activities (e.g. wire fraud and bank fraud) where money mules were employed. Mr. Huhn shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. This fee exemption applies only to Mr. Huhn and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. By accepting this exemption, Mr. Huhn agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Mr. Huhn is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases; and

5. This exemption is valid until March 24, 2023.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center at pacer@psc.uscourts.gov and to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts at Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2021.



Ronald A. White
Chief Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Oklahoma