
Order

Misc. File No. _____

In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Mary Ellen Stitt


This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by **Mary Ellen Stitt** 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 **Mary Ellen Stitt**, an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, **Mary Ellen Stitt** has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, **Mary Ellen Stitt** shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of researching potential collusion between police and civilians through the review of publicly available information on the criminal docket in *United States v. Carolyn Franklin, et al.*, Crim. No. 5:19-cr-00268-JFA. **Mary Ellen Stitt** 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:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to **Mary Ellen Stitt**, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- II. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- III. by accepting this exemption, **Mary Ellen Stitt** agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. **Mary Ellen Stitt** is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
- V. this exemption is valid until May 23, 2022.

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.

Dated this 2 day of August, 2021.



Chief Judge R. Bryan Harwell