

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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

Administrative Order
No. 21-MS-070

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Christopher Huhn 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 Christopher 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, Huhn has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information in order to write his thesis on a matter of significance to U.S. Homeland Security.

Accordingly, Huhn 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 the threat money mules represent to the financial services sector, the role they played in cyber-enabled fraud targeting COVID-19 financial relief programs, and the effectiveness of government efforts to disrupt money mule networks. Huhn anticipates accessing approximately 100 cases nationwide. From these 100 cases, Huhn will access criminal complaints, indictments and felony information related to subjects charged with money laundering (in violation of 18 USC § 1956), unlicensed money transmission (in violation of 18 USC § 1960), and related crimes constituting money laundering's underlying specified unlawful activities (e.g., wire fraud

and bank fraud) where money mules were employed.

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 Huhn (PACER Account #6912714), 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, Huhn agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Huhn is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
5. This exemption is valid until March 24, 2023.

This Order 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



Dated: October 21, 2021

ROBERT J. JONKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE