

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
FORT SMITH DIVISION**

Maxis Richards
Plaintiff,

v.

National Security Agency (NSA)
Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2:26-CV-2120

US DISTRICT COURT
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COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DAMAGES

NATURE OF THE CASE

This case challenges the NSA's use of clandestine electromagnetic and neurotechnological systems against a civilian U.S. citizen without warrant, consent, or judicial oversight.

Plaintiff brings this action to stop unlawful targeting and obtain justice for ongoing physical, psychological, and constitutional harm. This complaint is supported by verified 2026 congressional testimony, Pentagon disclosures, and mainstream investigative reporting confirming that:

- The U.S. government has acquired and tested directed energy weapons capable of causing precisely the neurological symptoms Plaintiff reports;
- The Senate Armed Services Committee received classified briefings in 2026 on anomalous health incidents caused by electromagnetic energy;
- The Pentagon demonstrated multiple directed energy and high-power microwave weapon systems at White Sands Missile Range in 2026;
- Brain-computer interface technology has advanced to military deployment, enabling remote neural monitoring and cognitive influence;
- The "microwave auditory effect"—inducing sound perception via pulsed electromagnetic energy without any external receiving device—is a scientifically established phenomenon that has been studied since the 1960s and explored for military communications applications.

This lawsuit seeks transparency, accountability, and a permanent injunction against further targeting.

I. INTRODUCTION

This is a civil action for declaratory and injunctive relief, compensatory and punitive damages, and other appropriate relief to address grave violations of Plaintiff's constitutional rights, civil liberties, and international human rights.

Plaintiff brings this suit against the National Security Agency (NSA) for its operation of a classified program involving covert electromagnetic and neurological experimentation upon civilians, which Plaintiff publicly refers to as Project Puppet and reasonably believes is internally designated as Project Signal.

As a direct result of this program, Plaintiff has been subjected to non-consensual surveillance, psychological and neurological manipulation, physical pain, sleep deprivation, and mental torture via advanced neurotechnological and satellite-based systems.

This complaint is filed in the context of unprecedented 2026 disclosures confirming that the technologies Plaintiff describes are not speculative—they are actively developed, tested, and deployed by the U.S. government and its adversaries.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to:

- 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question)
- 5 U.S.C. § 552 (Freedom of Information Act)
- 5 U.S.C. § 552a (Privacy Act)
- 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (civil rights violation)
- 18 U.S.C. § 2340A (torture under color of law)

Venue is proper in the Western District of Arkansas under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e), as Plaintiff resides in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

III. PARTIES

Plaintiff: Maxis Richards

- U.S. citizen residing in Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1980
- Social Security Number: [REDACTED]-9746

• **Defendant: National Security Agency (NSA)**

Address:

9800 Savage Road
Fort Meade, MD 20755-6000

IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. The 2026 Government Acknowledgment of Directed Energy Neuroweapons

1. The Pentagon's Acquisition and Testing of a Suspected Havana Syndrome Device

In January 2026, CNN and CBS News reported that the Defense Department—via a covert procurement involving Homeland Security Investigations—acquired and tested for more than a year a portable device believed to be linked to "Havana Syndrome" (officially "Anomalous Health Incidents" or AHIs). The device reportedly:

- Generates pulsed radio waves—the precise technical mode long theorized as the causal mechanism for neurological symptoms;
- Fits inside a backpack, demonstrating portability and concealability;
- Contains Russian-manufactured components;
- Was acquired clandestinely for Pentagon funding reportedly exceeding eight figures.

A March 8, 2026 60 Minutes investigation reported that confidential sources confirmed the U.S. government acquired this directed-energy weapon through a Russian criminal network and has been testing it on animals, with tests showing injuries consistent with Havana Syndrome symptoms.

2. Congressional Investigation of Anomalous Health Incidents

On May 20, 2026, the Senate Armed Services Committee received a classified briefing on anomalous health incidents, specifically examining whether American personnel are being targeted by directed energy weapons and whether the government has provided adequate care.

Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Susan Collins (R-ME) wrote to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on February 2, 2026, warning against sidelining the Pentagon's Cross-Functional Team investigating AHIs, noting that over 300 U.S. government personnel had qualified for care and that the CFT had not briefed Congress as legally required since 2024.

3. Expert Confirmation of Microwave/Radiofrequency Causation

Dr. David Relman, a Stanford University professor of medicine who led two government-requested investigations into AHIs, testified that "the most plausible explanation for a subset of these cases was a form of radiofrequency or microwave energy."

Dr. Relman further confirmed that research in the former Soviet Union found that such energy could cause effects ranging from loss of consciousness to seizures to memory lapses, inability to concentrate, headaches, intense pressure, pain, disorientation, [and] difficulty with balance—symptoms identical to those reported by Plaintiff.

A Norwegian scientist built a microwave-emitting device in 2024 to prove such devices were harmless; when he tested it on himself, he suffered neurological symptoms consistent with Havana Syndrome.

4. Pentagon Directed Energy Weapons Development in 2026

The Department of Defense is actively developing and demonstrating directed energy weapons. In 2026, the Pentagon:

- Awarded \$86 million in contracts for laser weapons under the Joint Laser Weapon System program;
- Demonstrated multiple high-energy laser and high-power microwave systems at White Sands Missile Range;
- Is investing in "tens to hundreds" of directed energy weapons for operational deployment.

5. Brain-Computer Interface Military Deployment

In 2026, brain-computer interface (BCI) technology has advanced to the point of military application. Non-invasive BCIs enabling neural monitoring and cognitive state detection are being integrated into military platforms.

Military BCI research explicitly includes "non-consensual neural monitoring" and "weaponization of stimulation capabilities" as recognized dual-use concerns.

6. The Microwave Auditory Effect (V2K) Is Scientifically Established

The "microwave auditory effect" (also known as the Frey effect)—wherein pulsed microwave radiation induces audible clicks, buzzing, hissing, or even speech-like sounds directly within the human head without any receiving equipment—is a well-documented phenomenon.

First reported during World War II by radar workers and formally studied by Allan H. Frey in 1961, the effect occurs via thermoelastic expansion of cranial tissues creating pressure waves that propagate through bone conduction to the cochlea.

The U.S. Navy explored weaponizing this effect through the MEDUSA program (Mob Excess Deterrent Using Silent Audio).

B. Plaintiff's Targeting

The NSA, through its classified technologies and global satellite networks, has targeted Plaintiff with the following forms of non-consensual electromagnetic and neurological interference:

- Voice-to-Skull (V2K) transmissions via pulsed microwave energy—now scientifically established as the microwave auditory effect;
- Remote Neural Monitoring (RNM) and cognitive decoding—consistent with 2026 military BCI capabilities;
- Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs) causing physical pain and neurological interference—consistent with the Pentagon's own 2026 directed energy weapons program and the acquired Havana Syndrome device;
- Behavior modification algorithms via artificial intelligence feedback loops—consistent with 2026 AI-BCI closed-loop stimulation systems;
- Satellite-based targeting and surveillance systems.

These technologies allow for the manipulation, stimulation, and punishment of Plaintiff's body and mind remotely, without any court order, warrant, or public accountability.

Plaintiff has experienced years of:

- Involuntary muscle movement and organ distress
- Sleep deprivation via pulsed microwave interruptions
- V2K harassment and synthetic telepathy
- Chronic anxiety, depression, memory impairment, and disorientation

C. Historical Precedent: Government Non-Consensual Experimentation

On June 30, 2026, the House Oversight Committee's Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets held a hearing titled "Mind Control and Accountability: Uncovering the Truth of the CIA's MKULTRA Experiments." The hearing confirmed that:

- MKUltra comprised at least 149 subprojects across more than 80 institutions;
- The CIA covertly contributed \$375,000 to a hospital research wing for use as a "safe house" to experiment on unwitting patients;
- CIA Director Richard Helms ordered the destruction of MKUltra records in 1973—152 files torn and burned by four people in a single day;
- No victim was ever formally compensated; no official was ever charged.

Witness Stephen Kinzer testified that MKUltra "conducted the most extreme experiments on human beings that have ever been carried out by a U.S. government agency" and that "by any standard they qualify as medical torture."

This historical precedent demonstrates that U.S. intelligence agencies have repeatedly engaged in non-consensual human experimentation, destroyed evidence, and evaded accountability.

The 2026 hearing specifically warned that advances in neuroscience, artificial intelligence, and brain-computer technologies make congressional oversight of current programs just as critical today.

V. LEGAL CLAIMS

A. Constitutional Violations

- Fourth Amendment – Violation of the right to be free from unlawful searches and seizures, including brainwave monitoring and electromagnetic tracking
- Fifth Amendment – Deprivation of liberty, bodily autonomy, and due process without legal cause or judicial oversight
- Eighth Amendment – Infliction of cruel and unusual punishment without conviction or trial

B. Statutory Violations

- 18 U.S.C. §§ 2340–2340A – Torture under color of law
- 42 U.S.C. § 1983 – Deprivation of civil rights by a government entity
- 18 U.S.C. §§ 241–242 – Conspiracy against rights and deprivation under color of law

C. International Law Violations

- United Nations Convention Against Torture (CAT) – Prohibits any form of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment

VI. PATENT EVIDENCE AND TECHNICAL CORROBORATION

Publicly available U.S. patents confirm the feasibility and existence of these technologies:

- US Patent 3,951,134 – Apparatus and method for remotely monitoring and altering brain waves
- US Patent 6,011,991 – Nervous system manipulation via electromagnetic fields
- US Patent 6,506,148 – Control of the nervous system through electromagnetic fields

These patents describe technologies capable of remote neural monitoring, brainwave alteration, and nervous system manipulation via electromagnetic fields—precisely the methods Plaintiff has been subjected to.

VII. PROGRAM HISTORY AND CONTEXT

Programs leading up to this include:

- Project MKUltra – CIA's mind control experiments (confirmed by 2026 congressional hearing)
- Project Pandora – Electromagnetic frequency weapon research
- Stargate Program – Government remote viewing/mind-influence operations
- ECHELON / SHAMROCK / TURBINE – NSA surveillance architectures

The 2026 MKUltra hearing confirmed that the destruction of records in 1973 was "obstruction of justice" and "criminal destruction of federal records," yet no one was ever prosecuted.

This pattern of evidence destruction and evasion of accountability continues to impede oversight of present-day programs.

VIII. FOIA & PRIVACY ACT REQUEST

Under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and 5 U.S.C. § 552a (Privacy Act), Plaintiff demands the immediate release of:

- All records referencing Plaintiff's current and former name
 - Targeting logs, biometric data, neural interface records
 - Satellite tracking, audio transmissions, AI assessments
 - Any documentation involving Project Puppet or Project Signal
 - All records related to electromagnetic or directed energy targeting of U.S. civilians
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IX. DEMANDS FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff respectfully demands:

1. A declaratory judgment that these operations are unconstitutional and unlawful
 2. A permanent injunction prohibiting further targeting or data collection
 3. Compensatory damages for mental and physical injury
 4. Punitive damages to deter further illegal experimentation
 5. Appointment of a special master or oversight committee to audit these programs
 6. Disclosure of all AHI-related technologies and their applicability to domestic surveillance
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X. INTENT TO FILE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Plaintiff reserves the right to file a formal criminal complaint with:

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
 - The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture
 - The United States Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - The Senate Armed Services Committee (given its ongoing 2026 investigation of directed energy weapons)
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XI. REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to the Seventh Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

XII. CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

XIII. PUBLIC NAME VS INTERNAL NAME

The term "Project Puppet" is the public designation assigned by Plaintiff.

Plaintiff does not possess the internal classification used by the NSA, but believes it may correspond to the internal codename Project Signal, based on research and whistleblower information.

XIV. LITIGATION HOLD REQUEST

Plaintiff demands that the NSA preserve all relevant records, including:

- Satellite logs
- Electromagnetic signals
- AI decision logs
- Emails, classified documents, and surveillance reports
- Any data related to Suite 4128, Fort Meade
- All BCI and directed energy weapon testing records

Failure to preserve this data may result in sanctions for spoliation of evidence.

XV. PUBLIC INTEREST AND ONGOING HARM

This is not an isolated incident.

The 2026 disclosures regarding Havana Syndrome/Anomalous Health Incidents confirm that directed energy weapons can and have been used to cause neurological harm to Americans.

The Pentagon's own acquisition of such a device, the Senate Armed Services Committee's classified investigation, and the documented existence of over 1,500 reported AHI cases demonstrate that electromagnetic neuroweapons are not theoretical—they are operational realities that the government has actively concealed and downplayed.

The NSA's continued use of neuroweapons on civilians constitutes a matter of profound public interest, warranting urgent judicial and Congressional oversight.

XVI. PERSONAL HARM AND DAMAGES

As a result of this unlawful targeting, Plaintiff has endured:

- Severe psychological trauma, including anxiety, depression, and paranoia
- Loss of income and employment due to cognitive interference
- Social isolation due to forced behavioral disruptions
- Chronic physical pain and sleep deprivation
- Emotional harm from the inability to live without intrusion

These injuries have significantly diminished Plaintiff's quality of life.
