

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

NO. 08-80736-CIV-MARRA

JANE DOE #1 and JANE DOE #2,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

ORDER ON MOTION FOR INTERVENTION BY JEFFREY EPSTEIN

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon the Motion of Jeffrey Epstein (“Epstein”) for Limited Intervention (DE 215). This matter is fully briefed and is now ripe for review. The Court has carefully considered the briefs and is fully advised in the premises.

“Permissive intervention under [Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b)] is appropriate where a party’s claim or defense and the main action have a question of law or fact in common and the intervention will not unduly prejudice or delay the adjudication of the rights of the original parties.” Mt. Hawley Ins. Co. v. Sandy Lake Properties, Inc., 425 F.3d 1308, 1312 (11th Cir. 2005). Through his Motion, Epstein asks to intervene “for the limited purpose of protecting his interests in the secrecy of matters which occurred before the federal grand jury of which he was a target.” Motion at 1. After carefully reviewing the briefs from the parties involved, the Court finds that Epstein has a legitimate interest in asserting a claim that the grand jury material may be protected from disclosure by the Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e). See United States v. Eisenberg, 711 F.2d 959, 961 (11th Cir. 1983). This claim will present questions of law and fact in common with the main action.

Further, the Court finds that the intervention will not unduly prejudice or delay the adjudication of the rights of the original parties. Accordingly, the Court will exercise its discretion to permit Epstein to intervene pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b). This order should not be construed as an indication of how the Court will rule on the merits of the claim that the documents in question are protected.

It is therefore **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Motion of Jeffrey Epstein for Limited Intervention (DE 215) is **GRANTED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 21st day of September, 2014.



KENNETH A. MARRA
United States District Court