

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
JONESBORO DIVISION**

GARY KNIGHT

PLAINTIFF

v.

CASE NO. 3:11CV00192 JTK

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,
Commissioner, Social
Security Administration

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Pending is Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (DE #17). In the motion, Plaintiff requests \$3,788.32 in fees and other expenses. The Commissioner submits that Plaintiff has requested a reasonable award of EAJA fees and expenses for the services rendered in this case and does not object (DE #19). Therefore, Court hereby finds that the motion is GRANTED.

EAJA fees are payable to Plaintiff, not Plaintiff's attorney, and such fees are subject to an offset when the Plaintiff has outstanding federal debts. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010). Therefore, subject to any offset, payment by check to the order of the Plaintiff, in care of his attorney, will issue to Plaintiff's attorney.

Accordingly, Plaintiff is awarded \$3,788.32 in fees and expenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of October, 2012.



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE