

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

JASON VEST

PLAINTIFF

V.

Case No. 3:12CV00311 JTK

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Commissioner, Social
Security Administration

DEFENDANT

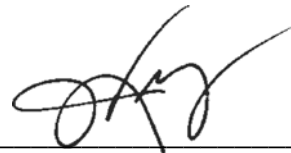
ORDER

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 \$2,032.65 in fees and expenses.¹ The Commissioner has no objection. After careful consideration, the Court hereby finds that the motion should be granted and that Plaintiff be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

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, the Motion for Attorney's Fees (DE #18) is GRANTED. Plaintiff is awarded \$2,032.65

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2nd day of April, 2014.



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹Plaintiff requests \$2,034.65 but there is a \$2.00 calculation error (.70 attorney hours at the rate of \$181 per hour, 7.55 attorney hours at the rate of \$187 per hour, 6.35 paralegal hours at the rate of \$75 per hour, plus expenses in the amount of \$17.85).