

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

DONNIE SWAFFORD

PLAINTIFF

vs.

Civil Case No. 3:16-CV-00002 JTK

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security Administration

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Pending is Plaintiff's Motion for An Award of Attorney's Fees and Other Expenses Under the Provisions of the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (DE #20). In the motion, Plaintiff requests \$1,824.82 in fees and expenses. The Commissioner has no objection (DE #22). After careful consideration, the Court hereby finds that the motion should be granted and that Plaintiff be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.

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 #20) is GRANTED. Plaintiff is awarded \$1,824.82.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 9th day of March, 2016.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE