

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
AIKEN DIVISION

Willie Butler,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No.1:14-cv-1239-MGL
)	
Carolyn W. Colvin,)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff’s Motion, (ECF No. 31), for an Award of Attorney’s Fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, (“EAJA”). See 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The Commissioner filed a response in support of the request. (ECF No. 32).

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct 2521, 2528-29 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this Court belong to the litigant, thus subjecting EAJA fees to offset under the Treasury Offset Program (31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B) (2006)) and, therefore, this Court directs fees be payable to the Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff’s counsel. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff’s motion pursuant to the EAJA, (ECF No. 31), shall be **GRANTED** and that Plaintiff be awarded attorney’s fees in the amount of \$2,954.50, along with \$7.00 for costs and \$16.00 for expenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Mary G. Lewis
United States District Judge

May 10, 2016
Columbia, South Carolina