Telephonic/VTC before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Remain Held Without Bond;

Court Reporter: Jeff Hook; Defense Attorney: Michelle Peterson; US Attorney: Ahmed Baset; Pretrial Officer: John Copes. (Text entry; no document attached.)

NOTICE OF HEARING as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3): Status Conference set for 2/16/2021 at 4:00 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. (Text entry; no document attached.) 02/16/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta:Status Conference as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) held on 2/16/2021 via video conference. Defendant's Oral Motion for Speedy Trial Waiver was heard and granted. In the interest of justice (XT), and for the reasons stated in Standing Order 20-93, the time from 2/17/2021 through and including 3/12/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Opposition to Government's Motion for Pretrial Detention due by 2/20/2021. Reply due by 2/22/2021. Detention Hearing set for 2/23/2021 at 1:00 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Status Conference set for 3/12/2021 at 3:00 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Members of the public or media may access the hearings by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendant: remains committed. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorney: Shelli Peterson. US Attorneys: Ahmed Baset and Kathryn Rakoczy. (Text entry; no document attached.)

Terminate Deadlines and Hearings as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS: Detention Hearing scheduled for 2/22/2021 before Judge Zia M. Faruqui is VACATED. Detention Hearing set for 2/23/2021 at 1:00 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/20/2021

MOTION for Bond by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS.

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SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT filed by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1)count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, DONOVAN RAY CROWL(2) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS(3) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, SANDRA RUTH PARKER(4) Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER(5) Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, GRAYDON YOUNG(6)count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, LAURA STEELE(7)count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, KELLY MEGGS(8) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, CONNIE MEGGS(9) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4. (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.) (zstd) Modified counts on 3/9/2021 (zltp). Modified to unseal on 3/11/2021 (zjd). Modified on 3/15/2021 (zltp).

02/22/2021

Supplemental MOTION for Bond, MOTION to Clarify Motion for Release by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS.

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02/23/2021

RESPONSE by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS re 26 MOTION for Bond 02/23/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Detention Hearing as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) began and held on 2/23/2021 via video conference. Supplemental Briefs due by 5:00 PM on 2/25/2021. Detention Hearing continued to 2/26/2021 at 2:00 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy has forwarded connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendant: remains committed. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorney: Shelli Peterson. US Attorneys: Ahmed Baset, Kathryn Rakoczy, and Justin Sher. Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (zjd) Modified brief due date on 2/23/2021 (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/24/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF DETENTION HEARING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on February 23, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-35. Date of Issuance: February 24, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at

www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 3/17/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 3/27/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 5/25/2021.

02/25/2021

Supplemental MOTION for Bond by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS.

02/25/2021

Supplemental MEMORANDUM in Support of Pretrial Detention by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS Modified text on 3/5/2021 (zltp).

02/26/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Detention Hearing as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) held on 2/26/2021. For the reasons stated on the record, the Court GRANTS the Government's Request for Detention and DENIES the Defendant's 26 29 41 Motions for Bond. In the interest of justice (XT), for the reasons stated on the record, and for the reasons stated in Standing Order 20-93, the time from 2/27/2021 through and including 3/12/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. The next status hearing is set for 3/12/2021 at 3:00 PM via video conference. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendant: committed; commitment issued. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorney: Shelli Peterson. US Attorney: Ahmed Baset. Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/09/2021

REDACTED TRANSCRIPT OF DETENTION HEARING VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on February 26, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-97. Date of Issuance: March 9, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3429. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courth ouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 3/30/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/9/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/7/2021.

03/11/2021

Counts added: THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4 (zltp) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/12/2021

MOTION to Continue Schedule Trial Date (Motion to Designate Case Complex and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act) by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE.

03/12/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9). Any opposition to the Government's Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act, ECF No. 73, shall be filed by March 17, 2021. Any reply in support of the Motion shall be filed by March 19, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/12/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/12/2021

SECOND SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, 5ss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 6s, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, KENNETH HARRELSON (10) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4. (zltp) 03/12/2021

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Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Arraignment as to KELLY MEGGS (8) and Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), and KELLY MEGGS (8) held on 3/12/2021 via video conference. Defendant KELLY MEGGS (8) appeared telephonically for this hearing. Plea of NOT GUILTY entered by KELLY MEGGS (8) as to Counts 1-4. Oral Order of the Court granting 53 MOTION for Reconsideration of Detention as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1). See ECF No. 75 for the Order Setting Conditions of Release. In the interest of justice (XT), and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 3/13/2021 through and including 4/6/2021 shall be excluded in computing speedy trial in this case as to all defendants. Status Conference set for 4/6/2021 at 3:30 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy shall circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendant: Caldwell (1): Released on HISP; Watkins (2): remains committed; S. Parker (4): remains on personal recognizance; B. Parker (5): remains on personal recognizance; K. Meggs (8): committed, commitment issued. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), and David Wilson (8). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy, Ahmed Baset, Jeffrey Nestler, and Justin Sher. (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/15/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE/ARRAIGNMENT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on March 12, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-72. Date of Issuance: March 15, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 4/5/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/15/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/13/2021.

03/17/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on February 16, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-15. Date of Issuance: March 17, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 4/7/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/17/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/15/2021.

03/17/2021

Notice of Appearance by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON. Modified text on 3/23/2021 (zltp).

03/17/2021

RESPONSE by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS re 73 MOTION for Extension of Time to Schedule Trial Date (Motion to Designate Case Complex and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act)

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03/18/2021

MOTION for Bond Reconsideration by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS. 03/18/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3). The government shall respond to Defendant's 89 Motion for Reconsideration of Detention Order on or before March 24, 2021. Defendant JESICCA MARIE WATKINS (3) shall submit her reply on or before March 26, 2021. The parties shall appear for a hearing on the motion via videoconference on March 29, 2021, at 3 p.m. Judge Mehta's courtroom deputy will coordinate videoconferencing

access for the parties. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. The public access line will be muted. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/18/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/19/2021

REPLY in Support by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON re 73 MOTION for Extension of Time to Schedule Trial Date (Motion to Designate Case Complex and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act) 03/23/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and KENNETH HARRELSON (10). All counsel of recordincluding all government counsel--shall appear for a videoconference hearing today, March 23, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. concerning recent statements to the media about these proceedings. Defendants' presence will not be necessary for this hearing nor is it required under Circuit precedent. See United States v. Cordova, 806 F.3d 1085, 1095-96 (D.C. Cir. 2015). Judge Mehta's courtroom deputy will coordinate videoconferencing access for the parties. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. The public access line will be muted. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/23/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/23/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to ALL DEFENDANTS: Status Conference set for 3/23/2021 at 4:30 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. (Text entry; no document attached.) 03/23/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9) held on 3/23/2021 via videoconference. Bond Status of Defendant: defendants not present. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Robert Foley (6), Desiree Wilson (6), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8 and 9). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy and John Crabb. (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/12/2021

MOTION to Exclude Time Under The Speedy Trial Actby USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON. (See docket entry 73 to view document) (zltp)

03/24/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on March 23, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-23. Date of Issuance: March 24, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 4/14/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/24/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/22/2021.

03/24/2021

NOTICE OF FILING OF FIRST DISCOVERY LETTER by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON

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RESPONSE by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS re 89 MOTION for Bond Reconsideration

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Unopposed MOTION Hold in Abeyance and Vacate Hearing re 89 MOTION for Bond Reconsideration by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS.

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03/26/2021

MOTION to Vacate Hearing by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS. (See Docket Entry 108 to view document). (znmw) 03/27/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) granting 108 Unopposed Motion to Hold Motion for Reconsideration of Detention Order in Abeyance Pending Additional Discovery and to Vacate Hearing. The hearing scheduled for JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) on March 29, 2021, is hereby vacated, and her motion for reconsideration is held in abeyance. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/27/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/31/2021

MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON.

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03/31/2021

MOTION for Order Granting Leave to Provide Sealed Filings in Discovery by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON.

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04/01/2021

ORDER granting the United States' 120 Motion for Protective Order as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and KENNETH HARRELSON (10). With respect to any document or portion of a document for which treatment under seal is sought pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of the Protective Order, the party seeking such treatment shall file a motion requesting sealing and providing a justification for sealing pursuant to the so-called Hubbard factors. See E.E.O.C. v. Nat'l Child.'s Ctr., Inc., 98 F.3d 1406, 1409 (D.C. Cir. 1996). See the attached Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/1/2021. (Icapm1)

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04/01/2021

ORDER granting the United States' 121 Motion to Disclose Sealed Filings in Discovery as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and KENNETH HARRELSON (10). See the attached Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/1/2021. (Icapm1)

04/01/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING as to ALL DEFENDANTS: Status Conference reset to 4/6/2021 at 4:00 PM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy has circulated connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. (Text entry; no document attached.) 04/06/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS(9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA JAMES (12) held on 4/6/2021 via videoconference. Plea of Not Guilty entered by CONNIE MEGGS (9) as to all counts. Plea of Not Guilty entered by KENNETH HARRELSON (10) as to all counts. Plea of Not Guilty entered by ROBERTO MINUTA (11) as to all counts. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JOSHUA JAMES (12) as to all counts. Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON's (10) Motion for Review of Pretrial Detention due by 4/7/2021. Government's Opposition due by 4/12/2021. Detention Hearing set for 4/14/2021 at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Defendants KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA JAMES (12) shall file a Notice Regarding Protective Order by 4/8/2021. The Government shall file a response to 129 Motion for Reconsideration of Detention Order by 4/12/2021. Status Conference set for 6/1/2021 at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearings via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747.

Bond Status of Defendants: Thomas Edward Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Donovan Ray Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Jessica Marie Watkins (3) remains in custody, Sandra Ruth Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, Bennie Alvin Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Graydon Young (6) remains on PR/HISP, Laura Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP, Kelly Meggs (8) remains in custody, Connie Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Kenneth Harrelson (10) remains in custody, Roberto Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, Joshua James (12) remains in custody. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Desiree Wilson and Robert Foley (6), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8 and 9), Nina Ginsberg and Jeffrey Zimmerman (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joni Robin and Chris Leibig (12). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy and Jeffrey Nestler. Pretrial Officer: Masharia Holman. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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THIRD SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 5sss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, 6ss, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, KENNETH HARRELSON (10) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11) count(s) 1, 2, 4, JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) count(s) 1, 2, 4. (zltp)

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ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) granting the United States' 73 Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act. Please see the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/7/2021. (Icapm1)

04/09/2021

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NOTICE OF FILING OF SECOND DISCOVERY LETTER by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES

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04/23/2021

NOTICE OF FILING OF THIRD DISCOVERY LETTER by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES

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NOTICE of Filing by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS

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05/26/2021

FOURTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 4ssss, 9ssss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 6ssss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 6ssss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 6sss, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 4sss, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 6sss, 10sss, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 11sss, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, KENNETH HARRELSON (10) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, 12ss, ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, 7s, 8s, 13s, JONATHAN WALDEN (13) count(s) 1, 2, 4, JOSEPH HACKETT (14) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, JASON DOLAN (15) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, WILLIAM ISAACS (16) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6. (zltp) Modified on 5/27/2021

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05/27/202

MOTION to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES.

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MOTION to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES. (See docket entry 202 to view document.) (zltp)

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05/30/2021

ENTERED IN ERROR.REDACTED FOURTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to ALL DEFENDANTS. (zjd) Modified on 5/30/2021

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05/30/2021

REDACTED FOURTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to ALL DEFENDANTS. 06/01/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA A. JAMES (12). The parties shall file their Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 12(b) pretrial motions (not to include motions in limine) on or before July 1, 2021; oppositions shall be filed on or before July 29, 2021; and replies shall be filed on or before August 19, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/1/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/01/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference/Arraignment as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16) held via videoconference on 6/1/2021. Plea of Not Guilty entered by CALDWELL (1) as to Counts 1, 2, 4, and 9. Plea of Not Guilty entered by CROWL (2) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. Plea of Not Guilty entered by WATKINS (3) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. Plea of Not Guilty entered by S. PARKER (4) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. Plea of Not Guilty entered by B. PARKER (5) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by YOUNG (6) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 10. Plea of Not Guilty entered by STEELE (7) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by K. MEGGS (8) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11. Plea of Not Guilty entered by C. MEGGS (9) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by MINUTA (11) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JAMES (12) as to Counts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 13. Plea of Not Guilty entered by ISAACS (16) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 6/2/2021 through and including 7/1/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Status Conference set for 7/2/2021 at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Young (6) remains on PR/HISP, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP. K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) placed on PR/HISP. Court Reporter: Lisa Bankins. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Desiree Wilson and Robert Foley (6), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Mary Anderson (9), Nina Ginsburg and Jeffrey Zimmerman (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Gene Rossi, Charles Greene, and Natalie Napierala (16). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy. Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/07/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16) granting in part and denying in part the Government's 207 Renewed Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act. For the reasons stated on the record at the status conference held on June 1, 2021, the court will grant a 30-day continuance and exclude such 30 days from the time within which trial must commence under the Speedy Trial Act. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/7/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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06/16/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A.

MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on April 6, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-56. Date of Issuance: June 16, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter refere nced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 7/7/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 7/17/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 9/14/2021.

06/28/2021

Unopposed MOTION To Join Motion to Dismiss Counts by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS.

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06/28/2021

Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Additional Motions by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS.

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06/28/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) granting 252 Unopposed Motion to Join Defendant Caldwell's Motion to Dismiss. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/28/2021. (lcapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16) held via videoconference on 7/2/2021. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 7/3/2021 through and including 9/8/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial as to defendants Caldwell (1), Crowl (2), Watkins (3), S. Parker (4), B. Parker (5), Steele (7), K. Meggs (8), C. Meggs (9), Harrelson (10), Minuta (11), James (12), Walden (13), Dolan (15), and Issacs (16). Status Conference set for 8/10/2021 at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom 10 - In Person before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Jury Trials set for 1/31/2021 at 10:00 AM and 4/4/2021 at 10:00 AM before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Members of the public or media may access hearings via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP. K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP. Court Reporter: William Zaremba; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Mary Anderson (9), Nina Ginsburg, Jeffrey Zimmerman, and John Pierce (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina (13), Libbey Van Pelt and Michael Van Der Veen (15), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16) US Attorney: Kathryn Rakoczy. (zjd) Modified to clarify speedy trial excludable on 7/2/2021 (Text entry; no document attached.)

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07/06/2021

ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16). The parties shall appear for a hearing on the Rule 12 motions at ECF Nos. 240, 269, 270, 273, and 278 on September 8, 2021, at 2 p.m. Defense counsel who drafted those motions must appear in person in Courtroom 10 unless they request leave of court to appear remotely. Any counsel or Defendants who wish to appear remotely may do so without leave of court but must notify the courtroom deputy of their intention to appear remotely by September 3, 2021. The courtroom deputy will coordinate videoconferencing access for the parties. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. The public access line will be muted. The court grants the motion for an extension of time to file Rule 12 motions as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA A. JAMES (12). All additional Rule 12 motions shall be filed on or before September 2, 2021; the government shall respond to such Rule 12 motions on or before

September 30, 2021; any replies to such Rule 12 motions shall be filed on or before October 14, 2021. The first trial in this matter shall begin on January 31, 2022. All detained Defendants will be tried in the first trial. The second trial shall begin on April 19, 2022. All counsel should note that the court has changed the start of the second trial from April 4, 2022, to April 19, 2022, due to the court's schedule. All counsel, except for counsel for detained Defendants, shall reserve April 19, 2022, to May 17, 2022, for trial. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/6/2021. (Icapm1)

07/19/2021

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NOTICE of Intent to Join Motions of Codefendants by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS

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01/21/2021

Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS from US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Dayton) Case Number 3:21-mj-23- SLO

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07/29/2021

Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS re 273 MOTION to Change Venue Modified on 8/19/2021 (zltp).

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07/29/2021

Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS re 270 MOTION for Bill of Particulars, 278 MOTION to Dismiss Count Counts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 12 of the Fourth Superseding Indictment, 288 MOTION to Dismiss Count I and II for Failure to State an Offense and for Vagueness, 240 MOTION to Dismiss Case, 269 MOTION to Dismiss Count 8 and 13 Modified on 8/19/2021 (zltp).

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08/04/2021

FIFTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 4sssss, 10sssss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 3sssss, 4sssss, 7sssss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 3sssss, 4sssss, 7sssss, Sandra Ruth Parker (4) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 7ssss, Bennie Alvin Parker (5) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 4ssss, Laura Steele (7) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 7ssss, 14ssss, Kelly Meggs (8) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 11ssss, Connie Meggs (9) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 1ssss, 4ssss, 1ssss, 4ssss, 12sss, Roberto A. Minuta (11) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 4ss, Joshua A. James (12) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 4ss, 8ss, 9ss, 13ss, Jonathan Walden (13) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, Joseph Hackett (14) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, Jason Dolan (15) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, William Isaacs (16) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 6s-7s, David Moerschel (17) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, Brian Ulrich (18) count(s) 1, 2, 4. (zitp)

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08/04/2021

MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH.

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08/04/2021

ORDER granting 330 Motion to Seal Case as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18). Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 8/4/2021. (zltp) Modified on 8/19/2021 (zltp).

08/09/2021

Case unsealed as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH (zltp) (Text entry; no document attached.)

08/10/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), and DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) held via videoconference on 8/10/2021. Plea of Not Guilty entered by LAURA STEELE (7) as to Counts 7 and 14. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JASON DOLAN (16) as to Count 5. Plea of Not Guilty entered by DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) as to Counts 1-4. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 8/11/2021 through and including 9/8/2021 shall be excluded in computing the time for speedy trial as to the new counts for LAURA STEELE (7), JASON DOLAN (16), and DAVID MOERSCHEL (17). Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP. K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) appearance waived; remains on personal recognizance, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) remains on PR. Court Reporter: William Zaremba; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4 and 5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Stanley Woodward (9), John Pierce (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina and Ed MacMahon (13), Michael Van Der Veen (15), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16), Scott Weinberg (17). US Attorney: Kathryn Rakoczy. (Text entry; no document attached.) 08/12/2021

MINUTE ORDER granting 340 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Attorney Attilio J. Balbo is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCrR 44.5(a). Click for Instructions. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/12/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

08/18/2021

NOTICE REGARDING THE STATUS OF DISCOVERY by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH.

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08/25/2021

Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus by petitioner Mark Marvin. "Let This Be Filed" by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/25/2021. (zltp) Modified filer on 8/27/2021 (znmw).

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08/30/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, WILLIAM ISAACS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on 06/01/2021; Page Numbers: 82. Date of Issuance:08/30/2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber L. Bankins, Telephone number 202-354-3243, Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 9/20/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 9/30/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 11/28/2021. Modified text to remove unassociated defendant on 9/27/2021 (zltp).

08/30/2021

MINUTE ORDER denying 366 Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed on behalf of Defendants THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and KENNETH HARRELSON (10). Petitioner Mark Marvin lacks "next friend" standing to pursue Defendants' release. To establish such standing a "next friend" petitioner "must provide an adequate explanation—such as inaccessibility, mental incompetence, or other disability—why the real party in interest cannot appear on his own behalf to prosecute the action." Whitmore v. Arkansas, 495 U.S. 149, 163 (1990). Here, Petitioner has failed to make such a showing. In fact, each Defendant is represented by counsel and therefore capable of prosecuting the

action on his or her own behalf. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/30/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

09/08/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING as to All Defendants. Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom 10 before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy has circulated connection information to the parties that will be appearing remotely. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Members of the press may view live video of the proceedings in overflow courtroom 14. (zjd) Modified on 9/8/2021 (Text entry; no document attached.) 09/08/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING as to All Defendants. Courtroom 14 will no longer serve as the overflow courtroom for the Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM. A notice will be filed indicating the new overflow courtroom. (Text entry; no document attached.)

09/08/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING as to All Defendants. Members of the press may view live video of the Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM in overflow courtroom 11. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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09/08/2021

NOTICE of joining additional motions by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS 09/08/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Motion Hearing as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18) held on 9/8/2021. Government Briefs due by 9/22/2021. Defendant's Briefs due by 10/6/2021. Status Conference set for 9/16/2021 at 11:00 AM before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP. K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Hackett (14) remains on PR/HISP, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) appearance waived; remains on personal recognizance, Ulrich (18) remains on personal recognizance. Court Reporter: William Zaremba; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Juli Haller and Stanley Woodward (9), Bradford Geyer and John Moseley (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina and Ed MacMahon (13), Angie Halim (14), Michael Van Der Veen & Libbey Van Pelt (15), Gene Rossi (16), Scott Weinberg (17), Attilio Joseph Balbo (18); US Attorneys: Jeffrey Nestler and Kathryn Rakoczy. (Text entry; no document attached.)

09/13/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF MOTION HEARING PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on September 8, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-128. Date of Issuance: September 13, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 10/4/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 10/14/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 12/12/2021.

09/14/2021

ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN

WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), and BRIAN ULRICH (18) denying in part Defendant THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1)'s 240 Motion for Dismissal of Indictment; denying Defendant THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1)'s 273 Motion to Transfer Venue; denying Defendant JOSHUA A. JAMES (12)'s 269 Motion to Dismiss Count 8 and Portions of Count 13 of the Indictment; granting in part and denying in part Defendant JOSHUA A. JAMES (12)'s 270 Motion for Bill of Particulars; and denying in part Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON (10)'s 278 Motion to Dismiss Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, & 12 of the Fourth Superseding Indictment. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/14/2021. (Icapm1)

09/15/2021

NOTICE OF STATUS OF DISCOVERY by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH Modified text on 9/15/2021 (zltp).

09/16/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18) held via videoconference on 9/16/2021. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 9/17/2021 through and including 10/14/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Status Conference set for 10/14/2021 at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will provide counsel with connection information. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. An additional Jury Trial date is set for 7/11/2022 before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP, K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Hackett (14) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) remains on personal recognizance, Ulrich (18) remains on personal recognizance. Court Reporter: William Zaremba; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Juli Haller and Stanley Woodward (9), Bradford Geyer and John Moseley (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina (13), Angie Halim (14), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16), Scott Weinberg (17), Attilio Joseph Balbo (18); US Attorney: Kathryn Rakoczy. (Text entry; no document attached.)

09/22/2021

SUPPLEMENT by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH re 313 Memorandum in Opposition, Modified text to remove unassociated defendants on 9/23/2021 (zltp).

09/28/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS HEARING VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on September 16, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-81. Date of Issuance: September 28, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be view ed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 10/19/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 10/29/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 12/27/2021.

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09/30/2021

RESPONSE by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH re 384 MOTION to Dismiss Count Three, 386 MOTION to Dismiss Count 1-4 of the Fifth Superseding Indictment, 382 Second MOTION to Dismiss Count One and Two and to Produce Grand Jury Minutes Modified text to remove unassociated defendants on 10/1/2021 (zltp). 10/04/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), and BRIAN ULRICH (18) granting Defendant THOMAS EDWARD CADLWELL (1)'s 446 Unopposed Motion to Extend Time to File Reply to Government's Supplemental Brief on 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2). Defendants who wish to file a reply to the Government's Supplemental Brief on 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), ECF No. 437, shall do so on or before October 12, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/4/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.) 10/14/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18) held via videoconference on 10/14/2021. Oral Order of the Court denying Defendant Harrelson's (10) sealed motion at ECF No. 438. It is further ordered that Defendant James' (12) conditions of release are modified to include the following condition: The defendant shall participate in a program of inpatient or outpatient mental health treatment and counseling. The defendant must follow the rules and regulations of that program. Additionally, it is ordered that the jury trial scheduled for 1/31/2022 is vacated. The first jury trial is scheduled for 4/19/2022. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 10/15/2021 through and including 12/6/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Status Conference set for 12/6/2021 at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will provide counsel with connection information. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Joint Status Report due 10/22/2021. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP. K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Hackett (14) remains on PR/HISP, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) appearance waived; remains on personal recognizance, Ulrich (18) remains on personal recognizance. Court Reporter: William Zaremba; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Julia Haller and Stanley Woodward (9), Bradford Geyer and John Moseley (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joni Robin (12), Thomas Spina and Ed MacMahon (13), Angie Halim (14), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16), Scott Weinberg (17), Attilio Joseph Balbo (18); US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy. (Text entry; no document attached.)

10/18/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on October 14, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-69. Date of Issuance: October 18, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcripter: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the court thouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 11/8/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/18/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 1/16/2022.

MOTION TO DISCLOSE ITEMS PROTECTED BY FEDERAL RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 6(e) AND SEALED MATERIALS by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH.

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10/20/2021

ORDER granting 464 Motion for Disclosure as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18). Please see the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/20/2021. (Icapm1)

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10/22/2021

STATUS REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF DISCOVERY AND REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO SUPPLEMENT THIS REPORT BY NOVEMBER 5, 2021 by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH Modified text to remove unassociated defendants on 10/25/2021 (zltp).

10/25/2021

MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a supplemental Joint Status Report concerning the discovery issues identified by the court by November 5, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/25/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

11/01/2021

MINUTE ORDER rescinding MINUTE ORDER granting 472 Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. When the court granted the motion to withdraw, allowing Mr. Wilson to withdraw as counsel for KELLY MEGGS (8), it did not appreciate that Mr. Meggs's new counsel, Mr. Moseley, also has entered an appearance on behalf of Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON (10). The court will hold a hearing on the motion to withdraw before allowing Mr. Moseley to represent Mr. Meggs. The courtroom deputy will contact the relevant parties and counsel to set a hearing. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/01/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

MINUTE ORDER denying Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON (10) and KELLY MEGGS's (8) 476 Motion for Enlargement of Page Limit. Whatever motion Defendants intend to file, the court will stop reading it after page 45. See LCrR 47(e). The court will not allow this case to become a forum for bombastic arguments ("SCOTUS Could Not Have Foreseen the Holocaust," see ECF No. 476-2, at 1) or propagating fringe views about COVID-19 or vaccinations ("A Human Experiment Unlike Any Other," "Pseudo-Science Displaces Science," "Mandatory Everything," "C19 Conspiracy Structure," see ECF No. 476-2, at 2). To this court's knowledge, the D.C. Department of Corrections does not require any person held there to accept a COVID-19 vaccine. If that is the intended basis of Defendants' motion, they must file a brief of no more than five pages (excluding exhibits) establishing such a mandatory policy before the court will accept a longer filling. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/01/2021. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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11/05/2021

STATUS REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF DISCOVERY AS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2021 by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH Modified text to remove unassociated defendants on 11/15/2021 (zltp).

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12/01/2021

SIXTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1ssssss, 2ssssss, 4ssssss, 9ssssss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1ssssss, 2ssssss, 3ssssss, 4ssssss, 6ssssss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1ssssss, 2ssssss, 3ssssss, 4ssssss, 6ssssss, 4sssss, 6ssssss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 3sssss, 4sssss, 4sssss, 6sssss, 1sssss, 2sssss, 4sssss, 4sssss, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 3sssss, 4sssss, 4ssss, 4ssss, 4sssss, 4sssss, 4ssss, 4sss, 4sss,

6ss, DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 15s, BRIAN ULRICH (18) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, JAMES BEEKS (19) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. (zltp) 12/06/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Arraignment as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18), and JAMES BEEKS (19) held via videoconference on 12/6/2021. Plea of Not Guilty entered by THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) as to Counts 1, 2, 4, and 9 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by LAURA STEELE (7) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 13 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by KELLY MEGGS (8) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by CONNIE MEGGS (9) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by KENNETH HARRELSON (10) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by ROBERTO MINUTA (11) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) as to Counts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 12 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JONATHAN WALDEN (13) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JOSEPH HACKETT (14) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 14 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by WILLIAM ISAACS (16) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 15 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by BRIAN ULRICH (18) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JAMES BEEKS (19) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the 513 Sixth Superseding Indictment. In the interests of justice (XT), and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 12/7/2021 through and including 1/25/2022 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Status Conference as to ALL DEFENDANTS set for 1/25/2022 at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Status Conference as to JAMES BEEKS (19) set for 12/22/2021 at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Members of the public may access the hearings by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP. K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Hackett (14) remains on PR/HISP, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) remains on personal recognizance, Ulrich (18) remains on personal recognizance, Beeks (19) remains on personal recognizance; Court Reporter: William Zaremba; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Shelli Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), Jon Moseley (8), Juli Haller and Stanley Woodward (9), Bradford Geyer (10), Alfred Guillaume, III (11), Chris Leibig (12), Thomas Spina and Ed MacMahon (13), Angie Halim (14), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16), Scott Weinberg (17), Attilio Joseph Balbo (18), Joshua Uller (19); US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy and Jeffrey Nestler. (Text entry; no document attached.)

12/20/2021

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER denying Defendants' various motions to dismiss Counts One and Two of the Sixth Superseding Indictment, 240, 278, 288, 382, 386. See attached Memorandum Opinion and Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/20/2021. (Icapm1) Modified document type on 12/22/2021

01/24/2022

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Jonathan W. Crisp appearing for JESSICA MARIE WATKINS

1 Attachment ▼

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01/26/2022

ORDER as to Defendants DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16). Trial is set to commence in this matter on April 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The following deadlines shall govern this matter: (1) parties shall file their pretrial motions (other than motions in limine) on or before February 11, 2022; (2) oppositions to pretrial motions shall be filed on or before February 25, 2022; (3) replies to pretrial motions shall be filed on or before March 4, 2022; (4) the United States shall make any required expert disclosures by March 1, 2022; (5) Defendants shall make any required reciprocal expert disclosures by March 15, 2022; (6) the United States shall notify Defendant of its intention to

introduce any Rule 404(b) evidence not already disclosed on or before March 7, 2022; (7) motions in limine shall be filed on or before March 15, 2022; (8) oppositions to motions in limine shall be filed on or before March 29, 2022; (9) replies in support of motions in limine shall be filed on or before April 5, 2022; (10) any motions in limine by the United States shall be filed by March 25, 2022; (11) oppositions to such motions shall be filed by April 5, 2022; (12) Defendants shall satisfy their reciprocal discovery obligations, if any, by April 1, 2022; (13) the United States shall file any motion in limine pursuant to such discovery by April 8, 2022; (14) oppositions to such motions shall be filed by April 13, 2022; (15) the United States should endeavor to make grand jury and Jencks Act disclosures as to each witness it expects to call in its case-in-chief and disclose any Brady material not already disclosed on or before April 5, 2022; (16) the parties Joint Pretrial Statement is due on or before April 8, 2022; (17) the parties shall submit a Word format copy of (a) any proposed modification to a standard jury instruction, (b) any non-standard jury instruction, and (c) the verdict form on or before April 8, 2022; and (18) a Pretrial Conference is scheduled for April 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 10. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 1/26/2022. (Icapm1)

01/18/2021

Arrest of JESSICA MARIE WATKINS in Ohio. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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02/03/2022

ORDER as to Defendants DONOVAN RAY CROWL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, and WILLIAM ISAACS amending April Pretrial Order. The pretrial schedule is hereby amended as follows: (1) on or before March 15, 2022, counsel shall file a draft Joint Juror Questionnaire; (2) qualified prospective jurors will appear on April 5, 2022, to answer the finalized version of this questionnaire; and (3) the Joint Pretrial Statement remains due on April 8, 2022, but no longer needs to include any voir dire questions. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/3/2022. (Icapm1)

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02/04/2022

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS HEARING VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH, JAMES BEEKS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on December 6, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-76. Date of Issuance: February 4, 2022. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed a t the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 2/25/2022. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 3/7/2022. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 5/5/2022.

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02/10/2022

STATUS REPORT REGARDING DISCOVERY by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH, JAMES BEEKS

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02/16/2022

TRANSCRIPT OF JOINT STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH, JAMES BEEKS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on January 25, 2022; Page Numbers: 1-127. Date of Issuance: February 16, 2022. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our

website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov. Redaction Request due 3/9/2022. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 3/19/2022. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 5/17/2022. 02/19/2022

MINUTE ORDER granting 623 Joint Motion to Continue as to DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16). The court reluctantly grants the parties' joint request for a continuance in view of the good cause established for a postponement, as set forth in the Joint Motion and 627 Defendants' Discovery Status Report. The court will set a firm trial date at the next status conference. However, counsel should be aware that the earliest the court's schedule will permit a month-long trial is, at present, November 28, 2022. All counsel shall block off November 28 through December 22, 2022, until a further discussion can be held about scheduling at the upcoming status conference. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/19/2022. (Icapm1) (Text entry; no document attached.)