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01/19/2021 MINUTE ORDER as to DOUGLAS SWEET. As required by Rule 5(f), the United States is ordered to produce all exculpatory evidence to the defendant pursuant to Brady v. Maryland and its progeny. Not doing so in a timely manner may result in sanctions, including exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instructions, dismissal of charges and contempt proceedings. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/19/2021. (zpt) Modified text on 1/26/2021 (zpt). [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)	<a href="#">10</a>
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04/06/2021	MINUTE ORDER. After review of the government's 42 Motion for Protective Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is DENIED without prejudice. While the Court is otherwise prepared to approve the proposed Protective Order, paragraph 4.d, for the filing of documents under seal, appears to be inconsistent with Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 49(f)(6)(i), which requires an accompanying motion for leave to file under seal. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 6, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)	<a href="#">49</a>
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05/18/2021

Unopposed MOTION for Disclosure of Items Protected by Rule 6(e) and Sealed Materials by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER.

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05/24/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Susan Lehr appearing for USA.

05/25/2021

NOTICE of Filing Discovery Correspondence by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER

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05/28/2021

MINUTE ORDER. After review of the United States' 59 Unopposed Motion for an Order to Disclose Items Protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and Sealed Materials, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the United States may provide in discovery materials protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and sealed materials pursuant to the previously entered protective order governing discovery. It is further ORDERED that this Order also applies to the disclosure of the materials described above to any co-defendants who may later be joined. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 28, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/01/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Telephone Status Conference as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), THOMAS GALLGHER (6) held on 6/1/2021. Speedy Trial as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), THOMAS GALLGHER (6) is Excluded from 6/1/2021 to 7/1/2021, in the Interest of Justice, XT. Status Conference set for 7/1/2021 at 09:45 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants 1, 3-6 remain on Personal Recognizance, Defendant 2 remains Committed; Court Reporter: Lorrain Herman; Defense Attorney: Peter Greenspun and Liza Yang (1), A. Eduardo Balarezo (2), Cara Halverson (3), Sarah Lockwood (4), David Benowitz, Rammy Barbari, and Shawn Sukumar (5), and Sebastian Norton, I (6); US Attorney: Seth Meinero. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/25/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), and THOMAS GALLGHER (6). The Telephonic/VTC Status Conference currently set for 7/1/2021 is RESCHEDULED for 7/9/2021 at 1:00 PM before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (Text entry; no document attached.)

07/09/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Telephone Status Conference as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), and THOMAS GALLGHER (6) held on 7/9/2021. Speedy Trial as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), and THOMAS GALLGHER (6) is Excluded from 7/9/2021 to 8/10/2021, in the Interest of Justice, XT. Video Plea Agreement set for 7/15/2021 at 4:00 PM as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6). Plea documents due by 7/12/2021 COB. Telephone Status Conference set for 8/10/2021 at 4:00 PM as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), and BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants 1, 3-6 remain on Personal Recognizance, Defendant 2 remains Committed; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Peter Greenspun and Liza Yang (1), A. Eduardo Balarezo (2), Cara Halverson (3), Terrance McGowan (4), David Benowitz, and Shawn Sukumar (5), and Sebastian Norton, I (6); US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

07/09/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5):Status Conference set for 8/10/2021 at 04:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.) 08/10/2021 Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Plea Agreement Hearing as to CINDY FITCHETT (1) and DOUGLAS SWEET (2) held on 8/10/2021. GUILTY Plea entered by CINDY FITCHETT (1): Count 4 and DOUGLAS SWEET (3): Count 4. REFERRAL TO PROBATION OFFICE for Presentence Investigation as to CINDY FITCHETT(1) and DOUGLAS SWEET (3). Sentencing Memorandum due by 11/2/2021. Sentencing set for 11/9/2021 at 02:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants remain on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Peter Greenspun and Liza Yang (1), and Cara Halverson (3); US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)	<a href="#"><u>83</u></a>
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Probation Jurisdiction Transferred to U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia as to DOUGLAS SWEET Transmitted Transfer of Jurisdiction form, with certified copies of indictment, judgment and docket sheet. Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/12/2021.

**2 Attachments ▼**

01/07/2022

Notice to U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia of a Transfer of Jurisdiction as to DOUGLAS SWEET. Your case number is: 3:21cr130. The clerk will transmit any restricted document via email. Using your PACER account, you may retrieve the docket sheet and any text-only entry via the case number link. The following document link(s) is also provided: 10 Amended Information, 166 Transfer Out/Probationer, 142 Judgment. (If you require certified copies of any documents, please send a request to DCD\_CMECF\_@DCD.USCOURTS.GOV. If you wish to designate a different email address for future transfers, send your request to InterDistrictTransfer\_TXND@txnd.uscourts.gov.) (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)