UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. 1:21-cr-204 (BAH)

JACK JESSE GRIFFITH

MOTION FOR DEFENDANT AND SENTENCING WITNESSES TO APPEAR BY VIDEO TECHNOLOGY AT THE CONTINUED SENTENCING HEARING

Mr. Jack Jesse Griffith, through counsel, respectfully requests this Court order that he may be allowed to appear by video technology at his sentencing hearing.

In support of this Motion the defendant submits the following through counsel:

- 1. The initial Sentencing Hearing was scheduled for October 15, 2021. The defendant and his mother arranged transportation and housing in Washington, D.C. in preparation for the in person proceedings;
- 2. Sentencing was then rescheduled for October 22, 2021. The defendant came to Washington, D.C. from Gallatin, Tennessee on October 21, 2021. The defendant paid for travel and accommodations;

- 3. Michelle Olson, the defendant's mother, a Sentencing witness, came to Washington from Texas to appear at the hearing. She paid for travel and accommodations;
- 4. All prior court hearings have been held by videoconference technology;
- 5. Mr. Griffith is in compliance with pretrial supervision. He is in compliance with all presentence probation requirements;
- 6. The defendant was found eligible for court appointed counsel. The Office of Probation has found the defendant does not have the financial ability to pay a fine. ¶ 63 PSR. [Doc. 89]. Mr. Griffith has expended considerable resources to come to Washington for the scheduled hearing last week. He also has lost three days of employment. He will have to borrow money in order to appear at this court, in person, at the rescheduled Sentencing Hearing.

WHEREFORE, the defendant, Jack Jesse Griffith, respectfully moves this Court order that the October 29, 2021 sentencing hearing be conducted by videoconference technology.

Respectfully submitted,
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