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12/15/2021

SECOND SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) count(s) 1ss-2ss, 3ss, 4ss, 5ss, 6ss, 7ss, 10ss, JAMES TATE GRANT (2) count(s) 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. (zltp)

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12/17/2021

MOTION to set Status Conference by RYAN SAMSEL as to RYAN SAMSEL, JAMES TATE GRANT.

1 Attachment ▼

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12/17/2021

ORDER granting Unopposed Motion for Protective Order as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2). See ECF No. 15, 1:21-mj-00618-RMM. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/17/2021. (lctjk2)

12/17/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2) granting in part the [71] Consent Motion to Set Status Hearing and Continue Motions Deadlines. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that the [71] Consent Motion is GRANTED IN PART in that the pretrial motions schedule set during the November 23, 2021 status conference, see Minute Entry of November 23, 2021, is VACATED. The parties shall confer and file a joint status report by December 21, 2021, proposing a new pretrial motions schedule and three possible dates and times for a hearing on the motions. It is further ORDERED that the Government and Defendant Ryan Samsel (1) shall file a separate joint status report by December 21, 2021, stating their respective positions as to whether the time between December 17, 2021, and their proposed date for motions to be filed is excludable under the Speedy Trial Act as to Defendant Ryan Samsel (1). Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/17/2021. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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12/21/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Christopher Amore appearing for USA.

12/22/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a VTC Arraignment and Status Conference on January 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/22/2021. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

12/22/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2): Upon consideration of the [73] Pretrial Violation Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Government shall file any motion relating to Defendant's conditions of release by December 23, 2021, and Defendant shall respond to any motion filed by December 27, 2021. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/22/2021. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

12/22/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a VTC Arraignment and Status Conference on January 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/22/2021. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

12/23/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2): The VTC Arraignment/Status Conference currently set for 1/4/2022 is RESCHEDULED for 1/3/2022 at 2:00 PM before Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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12/21/2021

Joint STATUS REPORT by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL, JAMES TATE GRANT

12/28/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2): Upon consideration of the [73] Pretrial Violation Report and the Government's [77] Motion to Revoke, the Court concurs with the recommendation to issue a warrant for Defendant James Tate Grant's arrest. Thus, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ♦ 3148(b), a warrant shall issue forthwith for Defendant's arrest. Defendant may contact the Pretrial Services Agency for the Eastern District of North Carolina to make arrangements to self-surrender. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/28/2021. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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12/29/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Hava Arin Levenson Mirell appearing for USA.

01/03/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2): Due to inclement weather, the Court is closed today, Monday, January 3, 2022. Thus, the VTC Arraignment and Status Conference currently scheduled for

today at 2 p.m. is hereby VACATED and will be rescheduled promptly. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/03/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/07/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a status conference on January 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., via videoconference. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/07/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/07/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an arraignment and status conference on January 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., via videoconference. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/07/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/07/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a revocation hearing on the Government's [77] Motion to Revoke on January 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., via videoconference. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/07/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/07/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) and JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a status conference on January 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., via videoconference. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/07/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/07/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an arraignment and a revocation hearing on the Government's [77] Motion to Revoke on January 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., via videoconference. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/07/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/10/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. on January 13, 2022, in Defendant James Tate Grant's (2) case is VACATED and will be rescheduled promptly. The hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. on January 13, 2022, in Defendant Ryan Samsel's (1) case will proceed as scheduled. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/10/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/12/2022

NOTICE by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL, JAMES TATE GRANT

01/13/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2): It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an arraignment and a revocation hearing on the Government's [77] Motion to Revoke on January 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. via videoconference. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (202) 354-3495 at least one business day in advance to make arrangements to appear. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/13/2022. (lctjk2) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/13/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Timothy J. Kelly: VTC Status Conference as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) held on 1/13/2022. Case also called for Arraignment, but not held. Defendant appeared by video. Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 12/17/2021 through 1/27/2022, in the interest of justice, as to RYAN SAMSEL (1). VTC Status Conference set for 1/27/2022 at 2:00 PM before Judge Timothy J. Kelly. Bond Status of Defendant: Remains Committed; Court Reporter: Timothy Miller; Defense Attorneys: Stanley Edmund Woodward, Jr. and Juli Zsuzsa Haller; US Attorneys: April Nicole Russo, Danielle Sara Rosborough, Christopher Amore, and Hava Arin Levenson Mirell. (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/18/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Timothy J. Kelly: VTC Arraignment/Bond Revocation Hearing as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2) as to Counts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 held on 1/18/2022. Defendant appeared by video. Plea of NOT GUILTY entered as to Counts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. For the reasons stated on the record, Government's [77] MOTION to Revoke Defendant's Pretrial Release heard and GRANTED. Defendant's Pretrial Release REVOKED and the Defendant is REMANDED. Order to be entered by the court. VTC Status Conference set for 1/27/2022 at 2:00 PM before Judge Timothy J. Kelly. Bond Status of Defendant: Remains Committed; Court Reporter: Timothy Miller; Defense Attorney: Peter A. Cooper; US Attorney: Christopher Amore; Pretrial Officer: John Copes. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/18/2022

ORDER as to JAMES TATE GRANT (2) granting [77] Motion to Revoke. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 01/18/2022. (lctjk2)

01/19/2022

NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: as to RYAN SAMSEL re [88] Notice of Withdrawal of Appearance by Assistant U.S. Attorney was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading. The document has the wrong defendant. (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/19/2022

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL

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01/20/2022

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Robert Craig Juman appearing for USA.

01/24/2022

Case unsealed as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4), JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE(5) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/24/2022

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01/24/2022

Arrest Warrant, dated 1/12/2022, Returned Executed on 1/24/2022 as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE.

01/24/2022

Arrest of JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE in Texas. (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/24/2022

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01/24/2022

Case unsealed as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4), JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE(5) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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Case unsealed as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4), JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE(5) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/24/2022

Case unsealed as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4), JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE(5) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/24/2022

Case unsealed as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4), JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE(5) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/24/2022

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01/24/2022

Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE from United States District Court Northern District of Texas (Forth Worth) Case Number 4:22-mj-00059 (zstd)

01/27/2022

Minute Entry for VTC Arraignment before Judge Jia M. Cobb held on 1/27/22 as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) on Counts 1sss-3sss and 5sss-12sss; JAMES TATE GRANT (2) on Counts 1s-3s,5s-10s and 13s-14s, and STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH (4) on Counts 1-10. Plea of Not Guilty entered by RYAN SAMSEL (1) on Counts 1sss-3sss and 5sss-12sss; JAMES TATE GRANT (2) on Counts 1s-3s,5s-10s and 13s-14s, and STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH (4) on Counts 1-10. Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 1/27/22 until 3/17/22, in the interest of justice and for the reasons stated on the record. Government's production of discovery by 2/24/2022. Government should file notice of discovery

production. Status Conference set for 2/28/2022 at 2:30 PM in VTC before Judge Jia M. Cobb. Bond Status of Defendants: (1)Ryan Samsel-remains incarcerated/appeared via telephone; (2) James Grant-remains incarcerated/appeared via video; (4) Stephen Randolph-remains on PR bond/appeared via video; Court Reporter: Lisa Bankins; Defense Attorneys: (1)-Stanley Woodward and Juli Haller; (2)-Peter Cooper; (3)- Kobie Flowers and Monica Basche; US Attorneys: Hava L. Mirell and Christopher Amore; (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.) 01/27/2022

Minute Entry for video Status Conference before Judge Jia M. Cobb as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5) held on 1/27/2022. Defendant's appearance waived by counsel. Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 1/27/22 until 3/17/22, in the interest of justice and for the reasons stated on the record. Government's production of discovery by 2/24/2022. Government should file notice of discovery production. Status Conference set for 2/28/2022 at 2:30 PM video before Judge Jia M. Cobb. Bond Status of Defendant: not present/appearance waived by counsel; Court Reporter: Lisa Bankins; Defense Attorney: Stephen Brennwald; US Attorneys: Hava L. Mirell and Christopher Amore. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/27/2022

ORAL MOTION to Appoint Counsel by JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5). (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/27/2022

ORAL MOTION for Speedy Trial Waiver by USA as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5). (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/27/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing/Arraignment as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5) Count 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10 held on 1/27/2022. Oral Motion to Appoint Counsel by JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5) Heard and Granted. Not Guilty Plea entered by JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5) as to all counts. Government does not seek the Defendant's pretrial detention. Oral Motion by the Government for Speedy Trial Waiver as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5) Heard and Granted. Time between 1/27/2022 and 2/1/2022 (5 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in interest of justice X-T. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Placed on HISP; Court Reporter: FTR Gold FTR Time Frame: CTRM 6 [1:29:25-1:40:43], [1:42:12-1:55:23]; Defense Attorney: Steve Brennwald; US Attorney: Frederick Yette for Hava Mirell; Pretrial Officer: Shay Holman; (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/27/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5). 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 1/27/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/27/2022

MOTION to Sever Defendant by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.

01/27/2022

Minute Entry for VTC Arraignment before Judge Jia M. Cobb held on 1/27/22 as to RYAN SAMSEL (1) on Counts 1sss-3sss and 5sss-12sss; JAMES TATE GRANT (2) on Counts 1s-3s,5s-10s and 13s-14s, and STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH (4) on Counts 1-10. Plea of Not Guilty entered by RYAN SAMSEL (1) on Counts 1sss-3sss and 5sss-12sss; JAMES TATE GRANT (2) on Counts 1s-3s,5s-10s and 13s-14s, and STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH (4) on Counts 1-10. Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 1/27/22 until 3/17/22, in the interest of justice and for the reasons stated on the record. Government's production of discovery by 2/24/2022. Government should file notice of discovery production. Status Conference set for 2/28/2022 at 2:30 PM in VTC before Judge Jia M. Cobb. Bond Status of Defendants: (1)Ryan Samsel-remains incarcerated/appeared via telephone; (2) James Grant-remains incarcerated/appeared via video; (4) Stephen Randolph-remains on PR bond/appeared via video; Court Reporter: Lisa Bankins; Defense Attorneys: (1)-Stanley Woodward and Juli Haller; (2)-Peter Cooper; (3)- Kobie Flowers and Monica Basche; US Attorneys: Hava L. Mirell and Christopher Amore; (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/27/2022

REPLY in Support by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [93] MOTION to Sever Defendant

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01/27/2022

Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [93] MOTION to Sever Defendant

01/27/2022

Minute Entry for VTC Arraignment before Judge Jia M. Cobb held on 1/27/2022 as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3) on Counts 1-10. Plea of Not Guilty entered by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3) on Counts 1-10. Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 1/27/22 until 3/17/22, in the interest of justice and for the reasons stated on the record. Government's production of discovery by 2/24/2022. Government should file notice of discovery production. Responses due by 2/11/2022. Reply due by 2/18/2022. Status Conference set for 2/28/2022 at 2:30 PM video before Judge Jia M. Cobb. Motion Hearing set for 3/17/2022 at 10:30 AM video before Judge Jia M. Cobb. Bond Status of

Defendant: 3-Paul Russell Johnson-remains on PR bond/appeared by video; Court Reporter: Lisa Bankins; Defense Attorneys: (3)-Kobie A. Flowers and Monica Basche; US Attorneys: Hava L. Mirell and Christopher Amore. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/27/2022

MOTION to Suppress Electronic Evidence or, in the Alternative, to Appoint Special Master by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.

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01/27/2022

REPLY in Support by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [96] MOTION to Suppress Electronic Evidence or, in the Alternative, to Appoint Special Master

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REPLY by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [96] MOTION to Suppress Electronic Evidence or, in the Alternative, to Appoint Special Master

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01/28/2022

Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [96] MOTION to Suppress Electronic Evidence or, in the Alternative, to Appoint Special Master

01/28/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3), denying as moot [93] Motion to Sever Defendant: Pursuant to the Government and Defendant Johnsons agreement on the record at the VTC Arraignment/Status Conference held January 27, 2022, the Court ORDERS that the Motion to Sever is DENIED without prejudice as moot. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 1/28/22. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/31/2022

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE of April Russo and Danielle Rosborough by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL, JAMES TATE GRANT, PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON, STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH, JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE

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01/31/2022

Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE.

[1 Attachment ▼](#)

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01/31/2022

Unopposed MOTION for Order to Disclose Items Protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and Sealed Materials by USA as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE.

[1 Attachment ▼](#)

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02/11/2022

NOTICE of United States' Memorandum Regarding Status of Discovery as of February 9, 2022 by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL, JAMES TATE GRANT, PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON, STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH, JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE

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02/11/2022

MOTION for Leave to File Exhibits Under Seal by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.

02/11/2022

MINUTE ORDER granting [107] MOTION for Leave to File Exhibits Under Seal as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3): The Court has reviewed the Government's Motion. Based on the Government's representation that the three exhibits at issue contain personal identifying information, including photographs and maps of Defendant Johnson's residence, the Court ORDERS that the Motion is GRANTED. If Defendant Johnson objects to the Government's request to seal the exhibits, he may file an opposition to that effect, at which point the Court would revisit its ruling. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 2/11/22. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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02/11/2022

Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [96] MOTION to Suppress Electronic Evidence or, in the Alternative, to Appoint Special Master

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02/18/2022	REPLY in Support by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [96] MOTION to Suppress Electronic Evidence or, in the Alternative, to Appoint Special Master Supplemental Reply Brief	111
02/22/2022	ORDER Setting Conditions for High Intensity Supervision Program as to JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE (5) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/27/2022.	112
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02/25/2022	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Karen E. Rochlin appearing for USA.	116
02/25/2022	MINUTE ORDER re [96] MOTION to Suppress Electronic Evidence or, in the Alternative, to Appoint Special Master, as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3): The Court has reviewed the Parties' briefing on this Motion. Given that there are several factual disputes between the Parties that could help to determine the disposition of the Motion, the Court will allow testimony at the previously scheduled Motion Hearing on March 17, 2022, at 10:30 AM, via Zoom. The Parties agreed that, if testimony were allowed, Defendant Johnson would call no more than three of the FBI agents who executed the search warrant, ECF 111 at 2, and thus the Court ORDERS that it will allow testimony from three such agents. The Court further ORDERS that, by March 10, 2022, the Parties file a joint notice identifying the FBI agents who will testify and providing an estimate of the total length of the evidentiary portion of the hearing. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 2/25/22. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)	
02/25/2022	MINUTE ORDER as to STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH (4): On February 17, 2022, counsel for Defendant Randolph filed a Motion to Withdraw as Attorney on the docket in Criminal Case No. 21-332. In keeping with the Court's instructions during the VTC Arraignment/Status Conference held in this case on January 27, 2022, the Court ORDERS that Defendant Randolph refile that Motion on this docket. The Court further ORDERS that the refiled Motion should address whether Defendant Randolph has been informed of and consented to his counsel's Motion. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 2/25/22. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)	117
02/25/2022	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Angela Halim appearing for STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH	
02/25/2022	MINUTE ORDER: The Minute Order as to STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH (4), filed earlier today, regarding the Motion to Withdraw as Attorney in Criminal Case No. 21-332, is hereby VACATED. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 2/25/22. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)	119
03/04/2022	ORDER as to RYAN SAMSEL (1), directing the United States Marshals Service to transfer the defendant forthwith. (See order for detail). Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/4/22. (zgdf)	
03/10/2022	NOTICE OF HEARING as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4), JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE(5): The Status Conference scheduled for 2/28/22 was vacated. New Status Conference set for 3/29/2022 at 2:00 PM before Judge Jia M. Cobb via Zoom. The Court's Deputy Clerk will provide the information necessary to access the conference. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)	120
03/10/2022	NOTICE Joint Notice Pursuant to the Court's Minute Order of February 25, 2022 by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON	
03/17/2022	MINUTE ORDER granting [126] Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Under Seal by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3): Upon consideration of the Motion, the Court ORDERS that the Motion is GRANTED. To protect Defendant Johnsons sensitive personal information, Defendant Johnson may file under seal two exhibits, i.e., Exhibits 1 and 2, that he intends to introduce at the Motion Hearing scheduled for today, March 17, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/17/22. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)	
03/17/2022		

Set/Reset Hearings as to RYAN SAMSEL:Return on Arrest Warrant set for 3/17/2022 at 3:30 PM by Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/15/2022

NOTICE Re Motion To Modify Condition of Release by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON

03/16/2022

MINUTE ORDER granting [122] Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Under Seal by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3): Upon consideration of the Motion, the Court ORDERS that the Motion is GRANTED. For the reasons stated in the Motion, the Government may file under seal two exhibits, i.e., Exhibits 1 and 8, that it intends to introduce at the Motion Hearing scheduled for tomorrow, March 17, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/16/22. (zgd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/16/2022

Unopposed MOTION for Leave to File Under Seal by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.

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03/16/2022

RESPONSE by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re Pretrial Services Report

[2 Attachments](#) ▼

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03/16/2022

Unopposed MOTION for Leave to File Under Seal by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.

03/17/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather: VTC Return on an Arrest Warrant as to RYAN SAMSEL(1) held on 3/17/2022. Defendant not present by video. Defendant's presence was waived by defense counsel. Oral Motion by the Government for Speedy Trial waiver as to RYAN SAMSEL (1); heard and denied. Status Hearing set for 3/29/2022 at 2:00 PM by Telephonic/VTC before Judge Jia M. Cobb. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant held without bond; Court Reporter: FTR Gold; FTR Time Frame: Ctrm 7 [4:11:14-4:23:06], Defense Attorney: Julia Haller and Stanley E. Woodward; U.S. Attorney: Frederick Yette for Hava L. Mirell, Robert Juman and Karen Rochlin; Pretrial Officer: Da'Shanta Valentine-Lewis. (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/17/2022

ORAL MOTION for Speedy Trial by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL(1). (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/17/2022

ORDER as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3), modifying conditions of release. (See Order for details). Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/17/22. (zgd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/17/2022

Minute Entry for Video Motion Hearing held before Judge Jia M. Cobb as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3) on 3/17/2022, re [96] MOTION to Suppress. Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 3/14/2022 until 3/24/2022, in the interest of justice. Motion Hearing continued to 3/24/2022 at 01:30 PM before Judge Jia M. Cobb via Zoom. Bond Status of Defendant: Continued on Personal Recognizance Bond/Appeared by Video; Court Reporter: Cathryn Jones; Defense Attorneys: Kobie Flowers and Monica Masche; US Attorneys: Hava Mirell and Karen Rochlin; Pretrial Officer: Andre Sidbury;Government Witnesses: Special Agent James Faulkner, Special Agent David Mitchell and Special Agent Stacey Sullivan. Defense Witnesses: Special Agent Desirae Maldonado and Investigator Sam Dworkin. (zsmc) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/21/2022

MOTION for Speedy Trial Excludable Time by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL, JAMES TATE GRANT, PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON, STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH, JASON BENJAMIN BLYTHE.

03/24/2022

Minute Entry for Video Motion Hearing proceeding held and concluded before Judge Jia M. Cobb as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3) on 3/24/2022 re [96] MOTION to Suppress. Oral arguments heard and taken under advisement. Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 3/24/2022 until 4/25/2022 as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3), in the Interest of Justice. Bond Status of Defendant: Continued on Personal Recognizance Bond/Appeared by Video. Government Attorneys: Hava Mirell and Karen Rochlin. Defense Attorneys: Kobie Flowers and Monica Basche. Court Reporter: Jan Dickman. Defense Witness: Paul Johnson (Text entry; no document attached.)

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Government's EXHIBIT LIST as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3)

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Defense EXHIBIT LIST as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3)

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NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Jacqueline N. Schesnol appearing for USA.

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MOTION for Leave to File to File Exhibit 19 UNDER SEAL by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.

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MINUTE ORDER granting [136] Motion for Leave to File Exhibit 19 Under Seal by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3): Upon consideration of the Motion, the Court ORDERS that the Motion is GRANTED. To protect Defendant Johnson's sensitive personal information, Defendant Johnson may file under seal Exhibit 19, which was admitted at the Motion Hearing held on March 24, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/25/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/29/2022

Minute Entry for Video Status Conference held on 3/29/2022 before Judge Jia M. Cobb as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3). Status Conference regarding release conditions set for 4/6/2022 at 01:30 PM before Judge Jia M. Cobb, via Zoom. Oral ORDER of the Court that Officer Smith with Virginia Pretrial Services is to appear, along with DC Pretrial Services Officer Andre Sidbury. Bond Status of Defendant: Continued on Personal Recognizance Bond/Appeared by Video. US Attorneys: Karen Rochlin and Jacqueline Schesnol. Defense Attorneys: Kobie Flowers and Monica Basche. Pretrial Officer: Andre Sidbury. Court Reporter: Lisa Griffith. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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RESPONSE by RYAN SAMSEL re [131] MOTION to Exclude

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Minute Entry for Video Status Conference held before Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/29/2022 as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4) and JASON BENJAMINE BLYTHE(5). Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 3/29/2022 until 5/3/2022 as to all defendants, in the interest of justice. The Court directs the parties to meet and confer and report to the Clerk two potential trial dates. Detention hearing set for 5/3/2022 at 1:00 PM, via Zoom as to Ryan Samsel(1). Defendant Ryan Samsel's(1) Detention Motion is due 4/1/2022 with Government's Response due 4/15/2022 and Defendant's Reply due 4/22/2022. Status Conference set for 5/3/2022 at 2:00 PM before Judge Jia M. Cobb, via Zoom as to all defendants. Oral Motion heard and GRANTED as to Jason Blythe(5) approving Mr. Blythe's relocation to a new residence and ORDERING him to provide his new address to Pretrial Services. Oral ORDER denying as MOOT Government's [131] Motion for Excludable Delay. Bond Status of Defendants: Remains Incarcerated-(1) Ryan Samsel and (2) James Tate Grant. Defendants Continued on Personal Recognizance Bond-(3) Paul Russell Johnson, (4) Stephen Chase Randolph, and (5) Jason Benjamin Blythe. US Attorneys: Karen Rochlin and Jacqueline Schesnol. Defense Attorneys: (1) Stanley Woodward, Jr. and Juli Haller; (2) Peter Cooper; (3) Kobie Flowers and Monica Basche;(4) Angela Halim;(5) Stephen Brennwald. Court Reporter: Lisa Griffith. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to RYAN SAMSEL: Motions due by 4/1/2022. Responses due by 4/15/2022 Replies due by 4/22/2022. Detention Hearing set for 5/3/2022 at 1:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Jia M. Cobb. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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Minute Entry for Video Status Conference held before Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/29/2022 as to RYAN SAMSEL(1), JAMES TATE GRANT(2), PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3), STEPHEN CHASE RANDOLPH(4) and JASON BENJAMINE BLYTHE(5). Speedy Trial Excludable (XT) started 3/29/2022 until 5/3/2022 as to all defendants, in the interest of justice. The Court directs the parties to meet and confer and report to the Clerk two potential trial dates. Detention hearing set for 5/3/2022 at 1:00 PM, via Zoom as to Ryan Samsel(1). Defendant Ryan Samsel's(1) Detention Motion is due 4/1/2022 with Government's Response due 4/15/2022 and Defendant's Reply due 4/22/2022. Status Conference set for 5/3/2022 at 2:00 PM before Judge Jia M. Cobb, via Zoom as to all defendants. Oral Motion heard and GRANTED as to Jason Blythe(5) approving Mr. Blythe's relocation to a new residence and ORDERING him to provide his new address to Pretrial Services. Oral ORDER denying as MOOT Government's [131] Motion for Excludable Delay. Bond Status of Defendants: Remains Incarcerated-(1) Ryan Samsel and (2) James Tate Grant. Defendants Continued on Personal Recognizance Bond-(3) Paul Russell Johnson, (4) Stephen Chase Randolph, and (5) Jason Benjamin Blythe. US Attorneys: Karen Rochlin and Jacqueline Schesnol. Defense Attorneys: (1) Stanley Woodward, Jr. and Juli Haller; (2) Peter Cooper; (3) Kobie Flowers and Monica Basche;(4) Angela Halim;(5) Stephen Brennwald. Court Reporter: Lisa Griffith. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE of Filing Amended Government Exhibit List by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON

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Unopposed MOTION for Leave to File Government Exhibit 9 Under Seal by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.

03/30/2022	MINUTE ORDER granting [139] Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Government Exhibit 9 Under Seal by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON (3): Upon consideration of the Motion, the Court ORDERS that the Motion is GRANTED. To protect Defendant Johnson's sensitive personal information, the Government may file under seal Government Exhibit 9, which was admitted at the Motion Hearing held on March 24, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 3/29/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)	142
04/01/2022	MOTION to Revoke Pretrial Detention Order by RYAN SAMSEL.	1 Attachment ▼
04/01/2022	MOTION to Review by RYAN SAMSEL. (See docket entry [142] to view document.) (zstd)	143
04/04/2022	MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release by PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON.	1 Attachment ▼
04/06/2022	RESPONSE by USA as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON re [144] MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release	145
04/06/2022	Minute Entry for Video Status Conference held before Judge Jia M. Cobb on 4/6/2022 as to PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON(3). ORAL ORDER granting [144] Motion to Modify Conditions of Release as follows: 1)Electronic Monitoring (SMARTLINK) is VACATED; 2)Defendant to check-in weekly by telephone with D.C. Pretrial Services; 3)Random drug testing and in-home visits are at the discretion of the U.S. Probation Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. Bond Status of Defendant: Continued on Personal Recognizance Bond/Appeared by Video. US Attorneys: Karen Rochlin and Jacqueline Schesnol. Defense Attorneys: Kobie Flowers and Monica Basche. Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. Pretrial Officers: for DC: Andre Sidbury and for VA: Tanya Smith. (Text entry; no document attached.)	146
04/11/2022	MOTION to disclose 6e and sealed materials by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL.	
04/15/2022	MINUTE ORDER re [146] Motion to Disclose by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL (1): The Court has reviewed the Government's Motion and directs Defendant Samsel to file any opposition to the Motion by April 22, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 4/15/22. (zgdf) (Text entry; no document attached.)	147
04/15/2022	RESPONSE by USA as to RYAN SAMSEL re [143] MOTION to Review, [142] MOTION to Revoke Pretrial Detention Order	1 Attachment ▼
04/22/2022	RESPONSE by RYAN SAMSEL re [146] MOTION for Disclosure	148
04/22/2022	REPLY in Support by RYAN SAMSEL re [142] MOTION to Revoke Pretrial Detention Order	149
04/26/2022	SUPPLEMENT by RYAN SAMSEL re [143] MOTION to Review	150
04/27/2022	MINUTE ORDER re [150] SUPPLEMENT by RYAN SAMSEL (1): The Court has reviewed Mr. Samsel's Supplement to his [142] Motion for Review and Revocation of Detention Order. The Court ORDERS that, if the information in the Supplement affects the Government's position on Samsels Motion, it shall file a notice informing the Court of any change in its position by April 29, 2022. The Court further ORDERS that, during the Detention Hearing previously scheduled for May 3, 2022, at 1:00 PM, the Parties should be prepared to discuss (1) whether a medical transfer to a tertiary research center is possible for Samsel as a pretrial detainee, and (2) the proposed plan for Samsels medical treatment if the Court were to order him released from USP Lewisburg to home confinement, as well as the proposed details of any such home confinement. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 04/27/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)	1 Attachment ▼

04/27/2022

MINUTE ORDER re [142] MOTION to Revoke Pretrial Detention Order by RYAN SAMSEL (1): To aid the Court's consideration of Defendant Samsel's Motion, the Court ORDERS that a representative from D.C. Pretrial Services attend the Detention Hearing scheduled for May 3, 2022, at 1:00 PM, via Zoom. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on 04/27/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)