

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

v.

RONALD MELE,

*Defendant.*

Case No. 1:21-CR-392-RCL

~~(PROPOSED)~~ ORDER TO BE  
EXCUSED FROM ATTENDING PRE-  
TRIAL HEARINGS IN PERSON IN  
WASHINGTON DC AND FOR  
PERMISSION TO APPEAR BY ZOOM

**ORDER TO BE EXCUSED FORM ATTENDING PER-TRIAL HEARINGS IN PERSON  
IN WASHINGTON DC AND FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR BY ZOOM (PROPOSED)**

Before the Court is the request of Ronald Mele to be excused from attending pre-trial hearings in person in Washington DC and for permission to appear by Zoom.

The court has ordered pretrial hearing to be held on April 26, 2023, and June 16, 2023. the trial is scheduled to begin July 7, 2023, in Washington DC and it is scheduled to last roughly 10 days.

For the reasons set forth in the Motion, this Order is hereby:

ORDERED, that the Motion is **GRANTED**, <sup>in part and DENIED in part, subject to Reconsideration</sup> and that Mr. Mele be

1. **EXCUSED** from personally appearing at the pretrial hearings currently scheduled for April 26th, 2023, and ~~June 16, 2023~~ <sup>or at any other pretrial hearing prior to the</sup> ~~beginning of trial on July 7, 2023,~~ as may be ordered by the court.
2. Further, defendant, Ronald Mele, shall be permitted to appear for the pre-trial hearing via Zoom,

*\* Congress having passed and the President having signed, on 4/11/23, an act to the national pandemic emergency, the court may not have authority beyond may 11, 2023, to grant the relief here sought even with consent of the parties. the court is willing to reconsider this issue if needed. Ret*

IT IS SO ORDERED.

*April 12*  
March \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

  
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HONORABLE ROYCE C. LAMBERTH  
United States District Judge