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01/07/2021

SEALED COMPLAINT as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), THOMAS GALLGHER (6). [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

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01/11/2021

Arrest of BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES. (zhsj) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/11/2021

Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 1/11/2021 as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

01/11/2021

ORAL MOTION for Release from Custody by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/11/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: Telephonic Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) held on 1/11/2021. Oral Motion for Release from Custody by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) Heard and Granted. The Government does not object to the Defendant's release with pretrial release conditions imposed. Defendant expresses intent to waive right to a preliminary hearing. Time between 1/11/2021 and 3/12/2021 (60 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in the interest of justice X-T. Status Hearing set for 3/12/2021 at 01:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Release on Personal Recognizance/Release Order Issued; FTR Time Frame: CTRM 9 [2:45:51-3:08:16]; Defense Attorney: David Benowitz; US Attorney: Kelly Smith; Pretrial Officer: Andre Sidbury; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/11/2021

Arrest of TERRY BROWN in Middle District of Pennsylvania. (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/11/2021

Arrest of TERRY BROWN in US District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/13/2021

Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 1/13/2021. as to DOUGLAS SWEET. (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

01/13/2021

Case unsealed as to DOUGLAS SWEET (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/13/2021

Arrest of DOUGLAS SWEET in US District Court Eastern District of Virginia. (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/13/2021

Arrest of DOUGLAS SWEET in US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/14/2021

Arrest of Defendant MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. (bb) Modified on 3/11/2021 (Text entry; no document attached.)

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ORDER Setting Conditions of Release. Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/12/2021. [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

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01/12/2021

Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 1/12/2021. as to CINDY FITCHETT. (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

01/12/2021

Case unsealed as to CINDY FITCHETT (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/12/2021

Arrest of CINDY FITCHETT in US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/13/2021

Arrest of THOMAS GALLGHER in US District Court District of New Hampshire. (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/15/2021

INFORMATION as to CINDY FITCHETT (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, DOUGLAS SWEET (3) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, TERRY BROWN (4) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, THOMAS GALLGHER (6) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4. (bb) (Main Document 7 replaced on 1/19/2021) (bb). [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

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01/19/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Peter D. Greenspun appearing for CINDY FITCHETT (zltf) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

01/19/2021

Arrest of CINDY FITCHETT in Suffolk, Washington. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/19/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing/Arraignment as to CINDY FITCHETT (1) Count 1,2,3,4 held on 1/19/2021. Not Guilty Plea entered by CINDY FITCHETT (1) as to all counts. Government does not request Defendant's pretrial detention. Oral Motion for Speedy Trial Waiver by CINDY FITCHETT (1) Heard and Granted. Time between 1/19/2021 and 3/19/2021 (59 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in the interest of justice X-T. Status Hearing set for 3/19/2021 at 12:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Placed on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Timothy Miller; Defense Attorney: Peter Greenspun; US Attorney: Tara Ravindra; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; (zpt) Modified text on 1/26/2021 (zpt). [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/19/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to CINDY FITCHETT (1). 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) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/19/2021

ORAL MOTION to Appoint Counsel by DOUGLAS SWEET. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/19/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing/Arraignment as to DOUGLAS SWEET (3) Count 1,2,3,4 held on 1/19/2021. Not Guilty Plea entered by DOUGLAS SWEET (3) as to all counts. Oral Motion to Appoint Counsel as to DOUGLAS SWEET (3) Heard and Granted. Government does not seek the Defendant's pretrial detention. Status Hearing set for 3/19/2021 at 12:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Placed on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Timothy Miller; Defense Attorney: Cara Halverson; US Attorney: Tara Ravindra; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

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.)

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01/21/2021

Amended INFORMATION by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), and THOMAS GALLGHER (6) re 7 Information - Felony, (bb) Modified on 1/27/2021 to add defendant numbers.(ztnr) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

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01/22/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Shawn Sukumar appearing for BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

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01/22/2021

ORDER Setting Conditions of Bond : Defendant THOMAS GALLGHER (6) placed on Personal Recognizance Bond, signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/22/2021. (kk)[1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Additional attachment(s) added on 2/8/2021: # 1 Appearance Bond)

01/22/2021

ORAL MOTION for Speedy Trial Waiver by THOMAS GALLGHER. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/22/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing/Arrestment as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6) Count 1,2,3,4 held on 1/22/2021. Not Guilty Plea entered by THOMAS GALLGHER as to all counts. Joint Oral Motion for Speedy Trial Waiver by THOMAS GALLGHER (6) Heard and Granted. Time between 1/22/2021 and 2/12/2021 (21 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in the interest of justice X-T. Status Hearing for 2/12/2021 at 12:30 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Placed on Personal Recognizance; FTR Time Frame: CTRM 5 [4:41:07-4:55:15]; Defense Attorney: Shelli Peterson; US Attorney: Kelly Smith; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/22/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6). 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 1/22/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/25/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to Defendant TERRY BROWN (4) : It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant appear for an initial appearance on January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will be conducted by video teleconference; call-in instructions will be provided to counsel prior to the hearing. Counsel for the United States is directed to ensure that counsel for Defendant has received this Order and will provide the information to Defendant. If Defendant does not have counsel, counsel for the United States is directed to contact the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia and provide their office with the information contained in this Order. If the parties have questions about this Order or the scheduled hearing, please contact the Courtroom Deputy at 202-354-3114; So Ordered by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/25/2021. (kk) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/25/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to TERRY BROWN. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant appear for an initial appearance on January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will be conducted by video teleconference; call-in instructions will be provided to counsel prior to the hearing. Counsel for the United States is directed to ensure that counsel for Defendant has received this Order and will provide the information to Defendant. If Defendant does not have counsel, counsel for the United States is directed to contact the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of District of Columbia and provide their office with the information contained in this Order. If the parties have questions about this Order or the scheduled hearing, please contact the Courtroom Deputy at 202-354-3114. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/25/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/15/2021

Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to THOMAS GALLGHER from US District Court District of New Hampshire Case Number 21-mj-10-01-AJ (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH]

01/16/2021

Case unsealed as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, TERRY BROWN, THOMAS GALLGHER (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

01/17/2021

Case unsealed as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (bb) [1:21-mj-00012-GMH] (Text entry; no document attached.)

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01/28/2021

Arrest Warrant, dated 1/11/2021, Returned Executed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on 1/28/2021 as to TERRY BROWN.

01/28/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing/Arrestment as to TERRY BROWN (4) Count 1,2,3,4 held on 1/28/2021. Not Guilty Plea entered by TERRY BROWN (4) as to all counts. Government does not seek the Defendant's pretrial detention. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Placed on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Crystal Pilgrim; Defense Attorney: Terrence McGowan and Sarah Lockwood; US Attorney: Kelly Smith for Tara Ravindra; Pretrial Officer: Masharia Holman; (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Sebastian Marks Norton, I appearing for THOMAS GALLGHER

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Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to TERRY BROWN from US District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania Case Number 1:21-mj-4

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Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to CINDY FITCHETT from US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia Case Number 2:21-mj-20-1

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Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO from US District Court for the Middle District of Florida Case Number 5:21-MJ-1009-PRL

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Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to DOUGLAS SWEET from US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia Case Number 2:21-mj-20

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02/04/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: A. Eduardo Balarezo appearing for MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (Balarezo, A.)

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01/19/2021

ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to DOUGLAS SWEET (3) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/19/2021.

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01/19/2021

ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to CINDY FITCHETT (1) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/19/2021.

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01/28/2021

ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to TERRY BROWN (4) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/28/2021.

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01/28/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to TERRY BROWN (4). 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 1/28/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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02/14/2021

MOTION for Bond Review by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO. (Balarezo, A.)

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02/14/2021

Supplemental MOTION for Bond Review by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO.

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02/17/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Seth Adam Meinero appearing for USA. (Meinero, Seth Adam)

02/17/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO. After review of Defendant's 29 Motion for Modification of Pretrial Detention Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the Government shall file any response no later than February 18, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 17, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/17/2021

Set/Reset Deadlines as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO: Government Response due by 2/18/2021 at 3:00 PM. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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02/18/2021

Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO re 29 MOTION for Bond Review

02/19/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Bond Hearing as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) held on 2/19/2021. Motions 29 and 30 ; Taken under advisement. Transcripts from hearing in Middle District of Florida to be filed as soon as possible. Government's Supplemental Brief due the day after. Defense's Supplemental Brief due 5 days after Government's Brief is filed. Speedy Trial as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) is Excluded from 2/19/2021 to 3/19/2021, in the Interest of Justice, XT. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains Committed; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: A. Eduardo Balarezo; US Attorney: Tara Ravindra and Seth Meinero; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF PRIOR HEARING TRANSCRIPTS by USA as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO

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02/26/2021

SUPPLEMENTAL Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO re 29 MOTION for Bond Review (Supplemental Opposition) (Meinero, Seth Adam) Modified Text on 3/1/2021 (zhsj).

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03/03/2021

RESPONSE re 34 by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO TO GOVERNMENT'S SUPPLEMENTAL OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF PRE-TRIAL DETENTION ORDER (Balarezo, A.) Modified to add link on 3/11/2021 (znmw).

03/05/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2): Video Motion Hearing set for 3/9/2021 at 10:00 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. So Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 3/5/2021. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/05/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO: Video Motion Hearing RESET for 3/9/2021 at 09:45 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Note time change. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/09/2021

Minute Order and Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Motion Hearing as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO held on 3/9/2021 re 29 MOTION for Bond Review and 30 Supplemental MOTION for Bond Review filed by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO. 29 Motion for Bond and 30 Motion for Bond as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2); Denied for reasons set forth on the record. Further Order to be issued by the Court. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains Committed; Court Reporter: Crystal Pilgrim; Defense Attorney: A. Eduardo Balarezo; US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Tara Ravindra; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/12/2021

MINUTE ORDER: The hearing currently scheduled for March 12, 2021 is hereby VACATED, as the government has formally charged BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES and there are no additional matters necessitating action by a magistrate judge. If a hearing has not been scheduled before the assigned district judge, the parties are respectfully directed to contact the chambers of the assigned district judge to schedule a hearing. Signed by Magistrate Judge Jia M. Faruqui on 3/12/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/15/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Rammy George Barbari appearing for BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES

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03/16/2021

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER

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03/16/2021

NOTICE OF FILING - FIRST REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO

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03/17/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), THOMAS GALLGHER (6): Status Conference RESET for 3/30/2021 at 02:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. So Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 3/17/2021. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/18/2021

STIPULATION Regarding Return of Digital Media Evidence and Admissibility and Use of Digital Media Evidence by USA (Meinero, Seth Adam)

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03/24/2021

MOTION to Continue and to Exclude Time under Speedy Trial Act by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER.

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03/24/2021

MOTION to Exclude Time by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER. (See docket entry 40 to view document). (zstd)

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03/27/2021

MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER.

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03/29/2021



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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03/30/2021

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 3/30/2021. Arraignment as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) as to Counts 1,2,3,4 held on 3/30/2021. Not Guilty Plea Entered as to all counts. Further Orders to be issued by the Court. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants 1, 3-6 remain on Personal Recognizance. Defendant 2 remains Committed.; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Liza Yang and Peter Greenspun (1), A.Eduardo Balarezo (2), Cara Halverson (3), Sara Lockwood (4), David Benowitz, Shawn Sukumar, Rammy Barbari, and Serguel Akiti (5), Sebastian Norton, I (6); US Attorney: Seth Meinero; Pretrial Officer: Masharia Holman. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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.)

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04/06/2021

Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order (Resubmitted) by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER.

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04/09/2021

MOTION for Reconsideration of Pre-Trial Detention Order by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO.

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04/12/2021

ORDER granting 40 Motion to Continue. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 12, 2021. (lccjn1)

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04/12/2021

PROTECTIVE ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 12, 2021. (lccjn1)

04/12/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), THOMAS GALLGHER (6): After oversight of the holiday, the Status Conference is RESET for 6/1/2021 at 10:00 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. So Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 4/12/2021. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

04/12/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). After review of Defendant Michael Curzio's 50 Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Pre-Trial Detention Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file its opposition to the motion by April 15, 2021, and Defendant shall file any reply to the government's opposition by April 19, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 12, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

04/12/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). It is hereby ORDERED that a videoconference hearing on Defendant Michael Curzio's 50 Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Pre-Trial Detention Order shall be set for April 20, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 12, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

04/12/2021

Set/Reset Deadlines as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2): Government Response due by 4/15/2021. Defendant's Reply due by 4/19/2021. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

04/13/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2): Bond Hearing RESET for 4/21/2021 03:30 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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02/04/2021

Arrest Warrant, dated 1/7/2021, returned executed on 2/4/2021 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia as to Defendant MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). (kk) Modified on 3/11/2021 (kk).

02/04/2021

ORAL MOTION by Defendant MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) to Appoint Counsel. (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/04/2021

ORAL MOTION by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act as to Defendant MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/04/2021

Minute Entry for Initial Appearance and Arraignment as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) held by video before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/4/2021 : The Court advised the Government of its due process obligations under Rule 5(f). The defendant agreed to appear by video. Oral Motion by Defendant to Appoint Counsel, heard and granted. Although the defendant may try to retain counsel, the defendant was found provisionally eligible for court appointed counsel. Criminal Justice Act Panel attorney Eduardo Balarezo appointed to represent MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). Plea of Not Guilty entered by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) to Counts 1, 2, 3 and 4. A detention hearing was already held for the defendant in the Middle District of Florida. Judge Nichols' courtroom deputy will contact counsel regarding a status hearing date before the trial court. Oral Motion by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act, with an objection by the defense, heard and granted in the interest of justice from 2/4/2021 until 2/11/2021 over the defense's objection. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant committed/commitment issued. Court Reporter: FTR Gold - Ctrm. 24A; FTR Time Frame: 4:09:40 - 4:22:00. Defense Attorney: Eduardo Balarezo; U.S. Attorney: Kelly Smith for Tara Ravindra; Pretrial Officer: Andre Sidbury. (kk) Modified on 3/11/2021 (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/09/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO: Bond Hearing set for 2/19/2021 10:00 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. So Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 2/9/2021. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/10/2021

Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO:Status Conference RESET for 2/19/2021 at 09:45 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/10/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to CINDY FITCHETT (1), MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2), DOUGLAS SWEET (3), TERRY BROWN (4), BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), THOMAS GALLGHER (6): Telephone Status Conference set for 3/19/2021 at 10:00 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. So Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 2/10/2021. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/10/2021

MINUTE ORDER: Given that the Magistrate Case for defendant TERRY BROWN has closed and merged into Criminal Number 21-41, and an indictment was returned, the status hearing previously scheduled for February 11, 2021 before Magistrate Judge Meriweather is hereby VACATED. SO ORDERED by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/11/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6). In light of the fact that Magistrate Case for defendant THOMAS GALLAGHER has closed and merged into Criminal Number 21-41, and an information has been filed, the status hearing previously scheduled for February 12, 2021 before Judge Meriweather is VACATED. The parties are respectfully directed to address any scheduling requests to the presiding district judge, Judge Carl J. Nichols. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/11/2021. (zpt) Modified Judge on 2/12/2021 (Text entry; no document attached.)

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Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO re 50 MOTION for Reconsideration of Pre-Trial Detention Order

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04/19/2021

REPLY by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO TO GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S 50 MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PRETRIAL DETENTION ORDER (Balarezo, A.) Modified on 4/20/2021 to link motion (zstd).

04/21/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Bond Hearing as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO held on 4/21/2021. 50 Motion for Reconsideration as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2); heard and DENIED by the Court, for the reasons set forth on the record. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains Committed; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: A. Eduardo Balarezo; US Attorney: Seth Meinero; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (1 Government Exhibit and 1 Defense Exhibit) (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE of Defendant's Acceptance of Protective Order by THOMAS GALLGHER

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NOTICE of Defendant's Acceptance of Protective Order by TERRY BROWN

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NOTICE of Filing - Acceptance of Protective Order Governing Discovery by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO

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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.

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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 Meiner. (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.)

07/08/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2): Plea Agreement Hearing set for 7/12/2021 at 02:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcal) (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 THOMAS GALLGHER (6): Plea Agreement Hearing set for 7/15/2021 at 04:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (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.)

07/12/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Plea Agreement Hearing as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO held on 7/12/2021. GUILTY Plea entered by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2) as to Count 4. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains Committed; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: A. Eduardo Balarezo; US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

07/12/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Sentencing held on 7/12/2021 as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2): Count 4. Counts 1, 2, 3 Dismissed on motion by the Government. Defendant sentenced to Six (6) Months of Incarceration. Defendant further ordered to pay \$500 restitution and a \$10 Special Assessment. No fine imposed. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains Committed; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: A. Eduardo Balarezo; US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). (zcal)

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). (zcal)

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WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). Approved by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 7/12/2021. (zcal)

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JUDGMENT as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO (2). Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 7/14/2021. (ztrn) Modified signed date on 7/15/2021 (zstd).

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STATEMENT OF REASONS as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO re 73 Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 7/14/2021. (zstd)

07/15/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Plea Agreement Hearing as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6) held on 7/15/2021. GUILTY Plea entered by THOMAS GALLGHER (6) as to Count 4. Counts 1-3 Dismissed by the Government. REFERRAL TO PROBATION OFFICE for Presentence Investigation as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6). Sentencing Memorandum due by 10/6/2021. Sentencing set for 10/13/2021 at 03:00 PM in Courtroom 19- In Person before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Sebastian Norton, I; US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6). (zcal)

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6). (zcal)

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WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6). Approved by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 7/15/2021. (zcal)

08/09/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to CINDY FITCHETT (1) and BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5): Plea Agreement Hearing 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 Status Conference as to TERRY BROWN (4) and BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) held on 8/10/2021. Speedy Trial as to TERRY BROWN (4) and BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) is Excluded from 8/10/2021 to 9/10/2021, in the Interest of Justice, XT. Status Conference set for 9/10/2021 at 02:30 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols as to TERRY BROWN (4). Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants remain on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Sarah Lockwood (4), David Benowitz, Rammy Barbari, and Serge Akiti (5); US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr. (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.)

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to CINDY FITCHETT (1). (zcal)

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT (1). (zcal)

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to DOUGLAS SWEET (3). (zcal)

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to DOUGLAS SWEET (3). (zcal)

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WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to CINDY FITCHETT (1). Approved by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 8/8/2021. (zcal) Modified on 8/10/2021 to change approved date. (zstd).

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WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to DOUGLAS SWEET (3). Approved by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 8/10/2021. (zcal)

08/11/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5): Plea Agreement Hearing set for 8/31/2021 at 10:00 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

08/31/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Plea Agreement Hearing as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) held on 8/31/2021. GUILTY Plea entered by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) as to Count 4. REFERRAL TO PROBATION OFFICE for Presentence Investigation as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). Sentencing Memorandum due by 11/3/2021. Sentencing set for 11/12/2021 at 02:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Rammy Barbari, David Benowitz, Matthew Wilson, and Serge Akiti. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). Approved by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 8/31/2021. (zcal)

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). (zcal)

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). (zcal)

09/10/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Plea Agreement Hearing as to TERRY BROWN (4) held on 9/10/2021. GUILTY Plea entered by TERRY BROWN (4): Count 4. REFERRAL TO PROBATION OFFICE for Presentence Investigation as to TERRY BROWN (4). Sentencing Memorandum due by 11/24/2021. Sentencing set for 12/1/2021 at 02:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Parties are to communicate with the Courtroom Deputy on whether an in-person hearing is desired. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains on HISP; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Terrance McGowan and Sarah Lockwood; US Attorney: Susan Lehr and Seth Meinero. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to TERRY BROWN (4). (zcal)

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to TERRY BROWN (4). (zcal)

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WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to TERRY BROWN (4). Approved by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 9/10/2021. (zcal)

09/30/2021

MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the request by Defendant BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5), it is ORDERED that the Parties appear in person for the sentencing hearing scheduled for November 12, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 30, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

09/30/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5): Sentencing RESET for 11/12/2021 at 02:00 PM in Courtroom 19- In Person before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Note location change. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to THOMAS GALLGHER

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by THOMAS GALLGHER

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NOTICE of Filing Discovery Correspondence by USA as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO

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10/13/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Sentencing held on 10/13/2021 as to THOMAS GALLGHER (6): Count 4. Counts 1, 2, 3, Dismissed on Oral Motion of the Government on 7/15/2021. Defendant Sentenced to Twenty-Four (24) Months of Probation (with Conditions). Defendant further Ordered to pay Restitution of \$500.00 and a Special Assessment of \$10. No fine imposed. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Sentenced to Probation; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Sebastian Norton, I; US Attorney: Seth Meinero; Probation Officer: Sherry Baker. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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10/22/2021

STATUS REPORT OF DISCOVERY AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2021 by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO, DOUGLAS SWEET, TERRY BROWN, BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES, THOMAS GALLGHER

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10/22/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS in case as to THOMAS GALLGHER. Before Judge Carl J. Nichols. Held on October 13, 2021. Page Numbers: 1-43. Date of Issuance: October 22, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Lorraine Herman. Telephone number: 202-354-3196, 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](http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov). Redaction Request due 11/12/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/22/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 1/20/2022.

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10/28/2021

Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Defense Sentencing Memorandum by DOUGLAS SWEET.

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10/29/2021

MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of Defendant DOUGLAS SWEET'S (3) 109 Unopposed Motion to Extend Deadline for Defense Sentencing Memorandum, it is ORDERED the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED the Defendant shall submit a sentencing memorandum by November 3, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 29, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

11/01/2021

Set/Reset Deadlines as to DOUGLAS SWEET (3): Sentencing Memorandum due by 11/3/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to DOUGLAS SWEET

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SUPPLEMENT by CINDY FITCHETT re 116 Sentencing Memorandum

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by DOUGLAS SWEET

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MOTION for Leave to File Sealed and Redacted Material and to Late File Defendant's Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES.

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MOTION for Leave to File Government's Sentencing Memorandum by USA as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES.

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MOTION for Leave to File Late by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES. (See docket entry 119 to view document). (zstd)

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JUDGMENT as to THOMAS GALLGHER. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 10/13/2021. (zstd)

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11/04/2021

STATEMENT OF REASONS as to THOMAS GALLGHER re 123 Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 10/13/2021. (zstd)

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ORDER as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 4, 2021. (lccjn1)

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11/05/2021

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS in case as to MICHAEL THOMAS CURZIO before Judge Carl J. Nichols, held on July 12, 2021. Page Numbers: 1-29. Date of Issuance: November 5, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Lorraine Herman. Telephone number: 202-354-3196. 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](http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov). Redaction Request due 11/26/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 12/6/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 2/3/2022.

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Redacted SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (zstd)

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NOTICE of Filing Item Incompatible with CM/ECF Filing by USA as to CINDY FITCHETT, DOUGLAS SWEET

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NOTICE of Filing of Item Inconsistent with CM/ECF Filing by USA as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES

11/09/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Sentencing held on 11/9/2021 as to CINDY FITCHETT (1) and DOUGLAS SWEET (3): Counts 1, 2, and 3 Dismissed on Oral Motion by the Government. Count 4: Defendants sentenced to Thirty-Six (36) Months of Probation (with conditions). Defendants further sentenced to pay Restitution of \$500.00 and a Special Assessment of \$10. No fine imposed. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants Sentenced to Probation; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Peter Greenspun (1) and Cara Halverson (3); US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr; Probation Officer: Hana Field. (zcal) Modified on 11/10/2021 to correct sentence information (zcal). (Text entry; no document attached.)

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11/11/2021

REPLY in Support by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES re 121 MOTION for Leave to File Government's Sentencing Memorandum Defendant's Reply to Government's Sentencing Memorandum

11/12/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Sentencing held on 11/12/2021 as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5): Count 4. Counts 1, 2, and 3, Dismissed on Motion of the Government. Defendant sentenced to Thirty (30) Days of Incarceration. Defendant further Ordered to pay Restitution of \$500 and Special Assessment of \$10. No fine imposed. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Sentenced; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: David Benowitz, Rammy Barbari, and Matt Wilson; US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr (telephone); Probation Officer: Jessica Reichler for Sherry Brandon. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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11/10/2021

Application for Access to Video Exhibits by PRESS COALITION as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES. (zstd)

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11/15/2021

JUDGMENT as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/15/2021. (zstd)

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STATEMENT OF REASONS as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES re 140 Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/15/2021. (zstd)

11/16/2021

MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the 137 Application for Access to Video Exhibits, Defendant BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5) shall file a response, if any, by November 18, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 16, 2021. (lccjn1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

11/16/2021

Set/Reset Deadlines as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5): Response due by 11/18/2021 (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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JUDGMENT as to DOUGLAS SWEET. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/12/2021. (zstd)

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STATEMENT OF REASONS as to DOUGLAS SWEET re 142 Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/12/2021. (zstd)

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RESPONSE re 137 by BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES to Application for Access to Video Exhibits.

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JUDGMENT as to CINDY FITCHETT. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/12/2021. (zstd)

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STATEMENT OF REASONS as to CINDY FITCHETT re 145 Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/12/2021. (zstd)

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REPLY in Support by PRESS COALITION as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES re 137 MOTION to Access Video Exhibits

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ORDER as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 24, 2021. (lccjn1)

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to TERRY BROWN

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by TERRY BROWN

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SUPPLEMENT by TERRY BROWN re 152 Sentencing Memorandum

12/01/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Video Sentencing held on 12/1/2021 as to TERRY BROWN (4): Count 4. Counts 1, 2, and 3, Dismissed on Motion of the Government. Defendant Sentenced to Thirty-Six (36) Months of Probation (with conditions) with the first month as Home Detention. Defendant further Ordered to pay \$500.00 Restitution and Special Assessment of \$10.00. No fine imposed. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Sentenced to Probation; Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman; Defense Attorney: Terrance McGowan and Sarah

Lockwood; US Attorney: Seth Meinero and Susan Lehr; Probation Officer: Aidee McGowan for Sherry Baker. (zcal) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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12/03/2021

JUDGMENT as to TERRY BROWN. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 12/3/2021. (zstd)

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12/03/2021

STATEMENT OF REASONS as to TERRY BROWN re 157 Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 12/3/2021. (zstd)

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01/03/2022

ORDER granting 159 Sealed Motion for Leave to File Document Under Seal as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 3, 2022. (lccjn1)

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01/03/2022

ORDER as to BRADLEY FRANCIS RUKSTALES (5). Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 3, 2022. (lccjn1)

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01/04/2022

Probation Jurisdiction Transferred to U.S. District Court for District of New Hampshire as to THOMAS GALLGHER Transmitted Transfer of Jurisdiction form, with certified copies of indictment, judgment and docket sheet. Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 10/13/2021.

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01/04/2022

Notice to United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire of a Transfer of Jurisdiction as to THOMAS GALLGHER. Your case number is: 21-cr-206. 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: 163 Transfer Out/Probationer, 10 Amended Information, 123 Judgment. (If you require certified copies of any documents, please send a request to DCD\_CMECF\_CR@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.)

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01/07/2022

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.

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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.)

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01/07/2022

Probation Jurisdiction Transferred to U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia as to CINDY FITCHETT Transmitted Transfer of Jurisdiction form, with certified copies of indictment, judgment and docket sheet. Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/12/2021.

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01/07/2022

Notice to U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia of a Transfer of Jurisdiction as to CINDY FITCHETT. Your case number is: 3:21cr129. 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: 167 Transfer Out/Probationer, 10 Amended Information, 145 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.)

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01/31/2022

Probation Jurisdiction Transferred to United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania as to TERRY BROWN Transmitted Transfer of Jurisdiction form, with certified copies of indictment, judgment and docket sheet. Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 12/3/2021.

**2 Attachments** ▼

01/31/2022

Notice to United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania of a Transfer of Jurisdiction as to TERRY BROWN. Your case number is: 1:22-cr-31. 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: [172] Transfer Out/Probationer, [157] Judgment, [10] Amended Information. (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.)

01/31/2022

Notice to United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania of a Transfer of Jurisdiction as to TERRY BROWN. Your case number is: 1:22-cr-31. 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: 172 Transfer Out/Probationer, 157 Judgment, 10 Amended Information. (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.)