

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
	:	
v.	:	
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ANTHONY J. SCIRICA,	:	1:21-CR-457
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Defendant.	:	
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UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR VIRTUAL SENTENCING HEARING

NOW COMES Defendant Anthony Scirica, by and through undersigned counsel, after consultation with—and without opposition from—the United States of America, respectfully moving this Honorable Court to conduct Defendant’s Sentencing Hearing via video teleconferencing (“VTC”). In support, Defendant shows as follows:

Defendant was charged by Complaint on June 14, 2021, and his initial appearance in this district was conducted on June 28, 2021, by VTC. An Information was filed on July 8, 2021, and Defendant’s arraignment and plea hearing were conducted September 23, 2021, by VTC. The Sentencing Hearing in this matter is currently scheduled as an in-person hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

Defendant is a resident of North Carolina, and he has been successfully supervised while on pretrial by the U.S. Probation Office for the Middle District of North Carolina. Defendant has been attempting to obtain testing to determine whether he is positive or negative for COVID-19. In addition to a testing shortage, the Middle District of North Carolina received severe and inclement winter weather

this previous weekend, which caused the closure of many testing facilities. The public schools in Defendant's community remain closed and—as of the filing of this motion—many roads remain covered with multiple inches of ice.

Defendant has arranged for COVID testing this afternoon—though it remains unclear whether the clinic will still have tests available when he arrives and whether test results can be obtained before the scheduled Sentencing Hearing.

The Government is recommending a sentence of 15 days' imprisonment, while the Probation Office has recommended 24 months' probation. Neither the Government nor the Probation Office would oppose self-surrender (upon a sentence of imprisonment). The undersigned has conferred with an attorney for the Government, who indicates that it does not oppose the granting of this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Anthony Scirica respectfully requests that this Honorable Court GRANT this Motion and Conduct the January 20, 2022 Sentencing hearing in this matter by video teleconferencing (VTC). A proposed order is attached.

Respectfully submitted, this the 18th day of January, 2022.

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