

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00204-BAH-1**

Case title: USA v. BLEDSOE et al

Date Filed: 03/10/2021

Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A.
Howell

Defendant (1)

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Pending Counts

18:1512 (c)(2) and 2;
TAMPERING WITH A
WITNESS, VICTIM OR
INFORMANT; Obstruction of an
Official Proceeding and Aiding
and Abetting
(1)

18:1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY
RESIDENCE OF THE
PRESIDENT; Entering and
Remaining in a Restricted
Building or Grounds
(2)

18:1752(a)(2); TEMPORARY
RESIDENCE OF THE
PRESIDENT; Disorderly and
Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted
Building or Grounds
(3)

40:5104(e)(2)(D); VIOLENT
ENTRY AND DISORDERLY

Disposition

Defendant sentenced to serve a term of forty-eight (48) months imprisonment followed by a term of thirty-six (36) months of supervised release, all terms to be served concurrently with the terms imposed on Counts 2, 3, 4, and 5. A special assessment in the amount \$100.00, a fine of \$2,000.00, and restitution to the Architect of the Capitol in the amount of \$2,000.00 ordered.

Defendant sentenced to serve a term of twelve (12) months imprisonment followed by a term of twelve (12) months of supervised release, all terms to be served concurrently with the terms imposed on Counts 1, 3, 4, and 5. A special assessment in the amount of \$25.00 imposed.

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Defendant sentenced to serve a term of six (6) months imprisonment to be served concurrently

CONDUCT ON CAPITOL
GROUNDS; Disorderly Conduct
in a Capitol Building
(4)

with the terms imposed on Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4. A
special assessment in the amount of \$10.00
imposed.

40:5104(e)(2)(G); VIOLENT
ENTRY AND DISORDERLY
CONDUCT ON CAPITOL
GROUNDS; Parading,
Demonstrating, or Picketing in a
Capitol Building
(5)

Defendant sentenced to serve a term of six (6)
months imprisonment to be served concurrently
with the terms imposed on Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4. A
special assessment in the amount of \$10.00
imposed.

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

**Highest Offense Level
(Terminated)**

None

Complaints

None

Disposition

Interested Party

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Date Filed	#	Page	Docket Text
03/10/2021	<u>23</u>		INDICTMENT as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5, BLAKE A. REED (3) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (4) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5. (bb) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
03/11/2021			NOTICE OF HEARING as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. The parties shall take notice that an Arraignment Hearing is scheduled for 3/12/2021, at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. A videoconference link will be provided by the deputy clerk.(ztg)

		(Entered: 03/11/2021)
03/11/2021	<u>27</u>	STANDING ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 11, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 03/11/2021)
03/12/2021	<u>32</u>	First MOTION to Continue <i>and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Carter, Jamie) Modified event title on 3/23/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, GRANTING the government's <u>32</u> Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act given the consent of each of the defendants given at the hearing held March 12, 2021, and EXCLUDING time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next status conference on May 14, 2021 for the reasons outlined at the hearing and provided in the government's motion. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 12, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Arraignment as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1), ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2), BLAKE AUSTIN REED (3), and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (4) held via videoconference on 3/12/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Defendants Matthew Bledsoe, Eric Chase Torrens, Blake Austin Reed, and Jack Jesse Griffith waived the reading of the Indictment and entered a plea of not guilty to all Counts of the Indictment filed on 3/10/2021. A Status Hearing is scheduled for 5/14/2021, at 9:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Oral motion by the government to dismiss Criminal Case 21CR80, USA v. Matthew Bledsoe, granted. The government will file a motion to dismiss a related case against Eric Chase Torrens, (21cr135), before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Orders Setting Conditions of Release entered for Defendant Matthew Bledsoe and Eric Chase Torrens. Oral motion by counsel for Defendant Torrens to modify the boundary release condition to "the State of Tennessee," granted. Matthew Bledsoe's Motion to Modify Conditions of Release, filed in Case 21cr80 under ECF 11 , granted without objection. Defendant Matthew Bledsoe shall be allowed to make the work related trips to Nashville, Tennessee on March 20, 2021, and to Tampa, Florida from April 1 to April 4, 2021; SO ORDERED by the Court. The Defendants agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until the next status hearing date of 5/14/2021. The Court found that for the reasons stated in open court, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 3/12/2021 through 5/14/2021, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial. Bond Status of Defendants #1, #2, #3, and #4: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorneys: #1 Jerry R. Smith; #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky; #3 Paul Bruno; #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) Modified to correct Case Number on 4/6/2021 (ztg). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	<u>33</u>	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 3/12/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appearance

		Bond) (ztg) Modified to add name of defendant on 3/12/2021. (ztg). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	<u>35</u>	MOTION to Exclude Time Under Speedy Trial Act by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (See Docket Entry <u>32</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
04/28/2021	<u>36</u>	MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 04/28/2021)
04/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DIRECTING the government to respond by 2:00 p.m. on 4/30/2021, with any objections to the Defendant's <u>36</u> MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 4/28/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 04/28/2021)
04/30/2021	<u>37</u>	RESPONSE by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>36</u> MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release (Carter, Jamie) (Entered: 04/30/2021)
04/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1) GRANTING IN PART, upon consideration of the governments <u>37</u> response, defendants <u>36</u> motion for modification of condition of pretrial release to the extent that he requests to travel for work purposes to: 1) Willard, Missouri on May 6, 2021 and 2) Frisco, Texas on June 9 and June 10, 2021, but otherwise DENIED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 4/30/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 04/30/2021)
05/06/2021	<u>38</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Mitra Jafary-Hariri appearing for USA. (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/06/2021)
05/12/2021	<u>45</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Disclosure <i>re: Sealed Materials</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, GRANTING the government's <u>45</u> Unopposed Motion for an Order to Disclose Items Protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and Sealed Materials and AUTHORIZING the government, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(E)(i), to provide to defendants, and any co-defendants who may later be joined, materials protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e), insofar as such disclosure is necessary for the government to comply with its discovery and disclosure obligations. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 12, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/12/2021	<u>48</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order <i>Governing Discovery</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>48</u> Motion for Protective Order as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 5/13/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 05/13/2021)
05/13/2021	<u>49</u>	

		PROTECTIVE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. See Protective Order for further details. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 13, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/13/2021)
05/14/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to Defendant #1 MATTHEW BLEDSOE, #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS, #3 BLAKE AUSTIN REED, #4 JACK JESSE GRIFFITH held via videoconference on 5/14/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 7/16/2021, at 10:30 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. The defendants agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until the next status hearing of 7/16/2021. The Court found that for the reasons stated on the record, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 5/14/2021 through 7/16/2021, in the best interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial in order to allow the government to complete discovery and the defendants to review the discovery and discuss resolution of this matter short of trial. Bond Status of Defendants: Personal recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorneys: #1 Jerry R. Smith; #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky; #3 Luke Evans and Paul Bruno; #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
06/14/2021	<u>50</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>to Permit Special Work Travel</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/14/2021)
06/15/2021		MINUTET ORDER granting <u>50</u> Unopposed Motion to Modify Travel Restriction to Permit Special Work Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant Mathew Bledsoe shall be permitted to travel for work to Naples, Florida from June 22 to June 25, 2021. It is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 6/15/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>51</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>by Lifting Curfew for One Night</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
06/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>51</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Release Conditions by Lifting Curfew for July 4 – July 5 Overnight Period as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant Matthew Beldsoe's curfew restriction shall be lifted for the overnight period of July 4 to July 5, 2021. So ORDERED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 6/28/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
07/09/2021	<u>52</u>	MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 07/09/2021)
07/12/2021	<u>53</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Relating to Discovery</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 07/12/2021)

07/13/2021	<u>55</u>	RESPONSE by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>52</u> MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 07/13/2021)
07/14/2021	<u>58</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily for Work Purposes</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 07/14/2021)
07/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>58</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Work Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be allowed to travel for work purposes from Memphis, Tennessee to Covington, Louisiana from July 20, 2021 to July 21, 2021; it is FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant shall be allowed to travel for work purposes from Memphis, Tennessee to Nashville, Tennessee on July 23, 2021, returning to the Memphis area the night of July 23, 2021. It is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of release shall remain in place. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 7/14/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 07/14/2021)
07/16/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to Defendant #1 MATTHEW BLEDSOE, #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS, #3 BLAKE AUSTIN REED, #4 JACK JESSE GRIFFITH held via videoconference on 7/16/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 9/24/2021, at 10:15 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Defendant Mathew Bledsoe's <u>52</u> Motion to Modify Conditions of Release, heard and denied; the original conditions of release imposed as to Defendant Mathew Bledsoe shall remain in place. Time excluded under the Speedy Trial Act from 7/16/2021 through 9/24/2021, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial in order to give the government time to produce discovery and complete discussions about plea offers and to give the defendants time to consider how to proceed in this case. Bond Status of Defendants #1, #2, #3, #4: personal recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: #1 Jerry R. Smith Jr, #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky, #3 Luke Evans, #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Mitra Jafary-Hariri; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DENYING defendant's <u>52</u> Motion to Modify Conditions of Release for the reasons discussed on the record at the hearing held July 16, 2021. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 16, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/29/2021	<u>61</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily for Special Travel</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 07/29/2021)
07/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>61</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel from Memphis, Tennessee to Fayette, Alabama on August 2, 2021, and return to the Memphis area late that same night; it is FURTHER ORDERED that

		Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel from Memphis, Tennessee to Orange Beach, Alabama from August 5 through August 9, 2021, returning to the Memphis area late on August 9, 2021; it is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 7/29/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 07/29/2021)
08/02/2021	<u>65</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily for Special Travel</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>65</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the Court's Order of 7/29/2021, shall be vacated as to the trip from Memphis, Tennessee to Orange Beach, Alabama from August 5, 2021 through August 9, 2021; it is FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel from Memphis, Tennessee to Orange Beach, Alabama from August 12, 2021 through August 16, 2021; it is FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel from Memphis, Tennessee to Knoxville, Tennessee from August 18, 2021 through August 19, 2021; it is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 8/2/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>72</u>	MOTION Adopt and Join Filings by Codefendant Torrens and the United States re 68 Notice (Other), 70 Notice (Other), 69 Notice (Other), 67 Status Report by MATTHEW BLEDSOE as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, DIRECTING the parties to file, by August 25, 2021, any response to the Press Coalition's 76 Application for Access to Video Exhibits. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 20, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
08/20/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH: Responses to the Press Coalition's 76 Application for Access to Video Exhibits due by 8/25/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
08/20/2021	<u>77</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily for Work Purposes</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
08/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>77</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Work Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel for work purposes from Memphis, Tennessee to Fort Lauderdale, Florida from September 1, 2021 through September 4, 2021. It is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain

		unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 8/23/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
09/20/2021		Set/Reset Hearings as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, BLAKE AUSTIN REED: Status Hearing RESCHEDULED for 9/24/2021 at 11:10 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (ztg) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
09/20/2021		Set/Reset Hearings as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, BLAKE AUSTIN REED: Status Hearing RESCHEDULED for 9/24/2021, at 2:10 PM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (ztg) (Entered: 09/20/2021)
09/23/2021	<u>86</u>	NOTICE <i>re: Status of Discovery</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice to Counsel/Party, # <u>2</u> Notice to Counsel/Party)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 09/23/2021)
09/24/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to Defendant #1 MATTHEW BLEDSOE and #3 BLAKE AUSTIN REED held via videoconference on 9/24/2021; the defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 11/19/2021, at 9:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Time excluded under the Speedy Trial Act from 9/24/2021 through 11/19/2021, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial in order to give the parties time to complete discussions for a disposition short of trial. Bond Status of Defendants: Defendants #1 and #3 Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorneys: #1 Jerry R. Smith Jr., #3 Luke Evans and Paul Bruno; US Attorney: Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: John Copes (in-person). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 09/24/2021)
10/14/2021	<u>96</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily for Work Purposes</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 10/14/2021)
10/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>96</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Work Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel for work purposes from Memphis, Tennessee to Marshall, Arkansas from October 22, 2021 through October 24, 2021. It is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/14/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 10/14/2021)
10/18/2021	<u>102</u>	NOTICE of Mistake in Recent Motion by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>96</u> Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily for Work Purposes</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 10/18/2021)
11/18/2021	<u>140</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue <i>Status Conference</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
11/18/2021		

		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>140</u> Consent Motion to Continue Status Conference as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1); granting 141 Consent Motion to Join Defendant Bledsoe's Motion to Continue Status Conference as to BLAKE AUSTIN REED (3). Upon consideration of the consent motions, it is hereby ORDERED that the Status Hearing currently scheduled for November 19, 2021, shall be CONTINUED to January 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; it is FURTHER ORDERED that for the reasons outlined in the motions and with the consent of the parties, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from November 19, 2021 through January 21, 2022, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 11/18/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
12/19/2021	<u>142</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily for Work Purposes</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 12/19/2021)
12/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, granting <u>142</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Work Travel. Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel for work purposes from Memphis, Tennessee to West Plains, Missouri on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 and return to Memphis late that same day; it is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 12/20/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
01/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DIRECTING the parties to inform the Court by January 19, 2022, at 12:00 PM whether any outstanding plea offer will have expired by January 21, 2022, and if so, the parties shall provide the Court with three proposed trial dates and a proposed motions schedule, so that the Court may set a trial schedule at the January 21, 2022 hearing. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on January 14, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 01/14/2022)
01/18/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE: Response to Order of the Court due by 12:00 PM on 1/19/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 01/18/2022)
01/18/2022	<u>153</u>	NOTICE of Joint Status Report of Defendant Bledsoe's Plea Offer by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 01/18/2022)
01/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>153</u> Joint Status Report of Defendant Bledsoe's Plea Offer filed by USA. Upon consideration of the joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Status Hearing currently scheduled for January 21, 2022, is CONTINUED to February 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; the parties are DIRECTED to submit by noon on February 2, 2022, three proposed dates for trial and a proposed motion schedule if the plea offer is not accepted by the Defendant; it is FURTHER ORDERED that time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from January 21, 2022 through February 4, 2022, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 1/18/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 01/18/2022)

02/02/2022	<u>159</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>of Plea Offer</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 02/02/2022)
02/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ISSUING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>159</u> Joint Status Report, the following SCHEDULING ORDER: 1) By April 1, 2022, the parties shall file any pretrial motions, including motions in limine, with any opposition due by April 22, 2022, and any reply due by April 29, 2022; 2) By June 14, 2022, the parties shall file their Joint Pretrial Statement, see <u>27</u> Standing Order par. 9; 3) On July 15, 2022, at 10:00 AM the parties are DIRECTED to appear in Courtroom 22A for a pretrial conference in this matter; 4) On August 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM the parties are DIRECTED to appear for jury selection for a trial in this matter; it is FURTHER ORDERED that time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from February 4, 2022 through August 1, 2022, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on February 2, 2022. (lcbah1) Modified on 2/2/2022 (ztg). (Entered: 02/02/2022)
02/02/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE: Motions due by 4/1/2022; oppositions due by 4/22/2022; replies due by 4/29/2022; Joint Pretrial Statement due by 6/14/2022; Pretrial Conference scheduled for 7/15/2022, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 22A- In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; Jury Selection/Jury Trial scheduled for 8/1/2022, at 9:00 AM in person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (ztg) (Entered: 02/02/2022)
02/04/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE held via videoconference on 2/4/2022; the Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Court's Missouri v. Frye colloquy with the defendant. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: Jerry R. Smith Jr.; US Attorney: Mitra Jafary-Hariri; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/10/2022	<u>162</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Regarding Discovery</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 02/10/2022)
02/25/2022	<u>164</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>to Accommodate Defendant's Move to Olive Branch, Mississippi</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Jerry) Modified text to remove unlinked Defendants on 2/28/2022 (zhsj). (Entered: 02/25/2022)
02/25/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>164</u> Unopposed Motion to Modify Conditions of Pretrial Release to Accommodate Defendant's Planned Move of His Residence From Memphis, Tennessee to Nearby Olive Branch, Mississippi as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's current Pretrial Conditions of Release shall be modified to accommodate the Defendant's relocation of his residence from Memphis, Tennessee to Olive Branch, Mississippi on March 7 to March 9, 2022; it is FURTHER ORDERED that courtesy supervision shall be

		transferred from the Pretrial Services Agency in the Western District of Tennessee to the Pretrial Services Agency in the Northern District of Mississippi; it is FURTHER ORDERED that immediately upon his relocation, the Defendant shall report and submit to the supervision of the Pretrial Services Agency in the Northern District of Mississippi; it is FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant shall not travel outside a 150-mile radius of Olive Branch, Mississippi, without notifying the Pretrial Services Agency in the Northern District of Mississippi; it is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of supervised release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 2/25/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 02/25/2022)
03/23/2022	<u>167</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Certain Pretrial Motions</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 03/23/2022)
03/24/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, GRANTING, the government's <u>167</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time and MODIFYING the SCHEDULING ORDER as follows: 1) By April 1, 2022, the parties shall file any Rule 12(b)(3) motions or motions to suppress evidence, with any opposition due by April 22, 2022, and any reply due by April 29, 2022; 2) By June 1, 2022, the parties shall file any remaining pretrial motions, including motions in limine, with any opposition due by June 22, 2022, and any reply due by June 29, 2022; 3) By June 14, 2022, the parties shall file their Joint Pretrial Statement; 4) On July 15, 2022, at 10:00 AM the parties are DIRECTED to appear in Courtroom 22A for a pretrial conference in this matter; 5) On August 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM the parties are DIRECTED to appear for jury selection for a trial in this matter. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 24, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 03/24/2022)
03/24/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE: Rule 12(b)(3) motions or motions to suppress evidence due by 4/1/2022; any opposition due by 4/22/2022; any Reply due by 4/29/2022; any remaining pretrial motions, including motions in limine are due by 6/1/2022; any opposition due by 6/22/2022; any reply due by 6/29/2022; Pretrial Statement due by 6/14/2022; Pretrial Conference scheduled for 7/15/2022, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 22A-In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; Jury Selection/Jury Trial scheduled for 8/1/2022, at 9:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (ztg) (Entered: 03/24/2022)
03/31/2022	<u>168</u>	MOTION to Dismiss Count <i>One of the Indictment</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
04/01/2022	<u>169</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Pretrial Motions, Oppositions, and Replies</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 04/01/2022)
04/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, GRANTING defendant's <u>169</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time and MODIFYING the SCHEDULING ORDER as follows: 1) By April 22, 2022, the government shall file any opposition to defendant's <u>168</u> Motion to Dismiss, and defendant shall file any reply in support of his motion by April 29, 2022;

		<p>2) By April 29, 2022, defendant shall file any motions to suppress evidence, with any opposition due by May 20, 2022, and any reply due by May 27, 2022;</p> <p>3) By June 1, 2022, the parties shall file any remaining pretrial motions, including motions in limine, with any opposition due by June 22, 2022, and any reply due by June 29, 2022;</p> <p>4) By June 14, 2022, the parties shall file their Joint Pretrial Statement;</p> <p>5) On July 15, 2022, at 10:00 AM the parties are DIRECTED to appear in Courtroom 22A for a pretrial conference in this matter;</p> <p>6) On August 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM the parties are DIRECTED to appear for jury selection for a trial in this matter. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on April 1, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 04/01/2022)</p>
04/01/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE: opposition to defendant's <u>168</u> Motion to Dismiss due by 4/22/2022; reply due by 4/29/2022; motions to suppress evidence due by 4/29/2022; opposition due by 5/20/2022; reply due 5/27/2022; remaining pretrial motions due by 6/1/2022; oppositions due by 6/22/2022; replies due by 6/29/2022; Joint Pretrial Statement due by 6/14/2022; pretrial conference scheduled for 7/15/2022, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 22A; Jury Selection/Jury Trial scheduled for 8/1/2022, at 9:00 AM. (ztg) (Entered: 04/01/2022)
04/05/2022		NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. The parties shall take notice that the Pretrial Conference currently scheduled for 7/15/2022, at 10:00 AM is RESCHEDULED for 7/15/2022, at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 22A– In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (ztg) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
04/22/2022	<u>179</u>	RESPONSE by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>168</u> MOTION to Dismiss Count <i>One of the Indictment</i> (Carter, Jamie) (Entered: 04/22/2022)
04/25/2022	<u>180</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Jafary–Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 04/25/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>181</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>182</u>	MOTION to Suppress <i>Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>183</u>	MOTION to Suppress <i>Data Recovered from Searches of Cell Phones and Derivative Evidence and Information</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
05/01/2022	<u>184</u>	SUPPLEMENT by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>182</u> MOTION to Suppress <i>Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 05/01/2022)
05/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, granting <u>181</u> Unopposed Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing Reply to Government's Response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Count One of the Indictment. Upon consideration of the unopposed motion it is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant's deadline to reply to the Government's Response to Defendant's

		Motion to Dismiss Count One of the Indictment shall be EXTENDED to May 9, 2022. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 5/2/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 05/02/2022)
05/07/2022	<u>185</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Melanie Alsworth appearing for USA. (Alsworth, Melanie) (Entered: 05/07/2022)
05/09/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DIRECTING the parties to submit by 3PM, May 10, 2022, a joint report (1) proposing a trial date that falls within the week of July 18, 2022 or July 25, 2022, given pretrial dispositions in other matters that have relieved the congestion in the Court's calendar and (2) explaining for each day during that period that the parties believe they are unavailable to begin trial, why they are unable to do so or unable to reschedule any other commitments, given the length of time the indictment has been pending without trial for the defendant. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 9, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 05/09/2022)
05/09/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE: Joint report due by 3:00 PM on 5/10/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 05/09/2022)
05/09/2022	<u>186</u>	REPLY TO OPPOSITION to Motion by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>168</u> MOTION to Dismiss Count <i>One of the Indictment</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 05/09/2022)
05/10/2022	<u>187</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re Order., (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 05/10/2022)
05/10/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, RESCHEDULING THE TRIAL, upon consideration of the parties' <u>187</u> Joint Statement Regarding Change in Trial Date, to July 18, 2022, given that: (1) the new trial date is 18 months after defendant's arrest in January 2021 and 16 months after the filing of the indictment in this case in March 2021; (2) moving the trial from August 1, 2022 to July 18, 2022, shortens the trial schedule by only two weeks, leaving the parties with ten weeks to prepare; (3) the government is ready to start the trial on July 18, 2022; (4) defense counsel has no conflicting matter that would need to be rescheduled to begin trial in this matter on July 18, 2022; (5) this change in trial date would necessitate no change in the date for the Pretrial Conference nor in the briefing schedule for pretrial motions, which the parties' have already begun filing showing a familiarity with the case and its evidence; and (6) congestion on the Court's trial calendar is best managed by trial of this matter on July 18, 2022 to accommodate other matters set for trial; AND AMENDING the SCHEDULING ORDER as follows: On July 18, 2022, at 9:00 AM, the parties are DIRECTED to appear for jury selection for a trial in this matter. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 10, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 05/10/2022)
05/11/2022		Set/Reset Hearings as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE: Jury Selection/Jury Trial rescheduled for 7/18/2022, at 9:00 AM in person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (ztg) (Entered: 05/11/2022)
05/17/2022	<u>188</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>182</u> MOTION to Suppress <i>Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Alsworth, Melanie) (Entered: 05/17/2022)

05/17/2022			MINUTE ORDER granting <u>188</u> Unopposed Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing Opposition to Motion to Suppress as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the deadline for the government's opposition to the defendant's Motion to Suppress Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information, ECF <u>182</u> and his Supplement to Motion to Suppress, ECF <u>184</u> shall be EXTENDED from May 20, 2022 to May 27, 2022; the defendant's reply, if any, shall be due on or before June 3, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 5/17/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 05/17/2022)
05/20/2022	<u>189</u>		Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>183</u> MOTION to Suppress <i>Data Recovered from Searches of Cell Phones and Derivative Evidence and Information</i> (Alsworth, Melanie) (Entered: 05/20/2022)
05/24/2022	<u>190</u>		MOTION to Change Venue <i>or, Alternatively, Allow for Expanded Voir Dire</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 05/24/2022)
05/24/2022	191		MOTION to Allow for Expanded Voir Dire by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (See Docket Entry <u>190</u> to View Documnt). (zhsj) (Entered: 05/25/2022)
05/25/2022			MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DIRECTING (1) the government to file by June 3, 2022, any opposition to defendant's <u>190</u> Motion to Change Venue, or Alternatively Allow for Expanded Voir Dire and (2) defendant to file by June 8, 2022, any reply in support of his motion. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 25, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 05/25/2022)
05/25/2022			Set/Reset Deadlines as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE: Government's response to defendant's <u>190</u> Motion to Change Venue, or Alternatively Allow for Expanded Voir Dire due by 6/3/2022; defendant's reply due by 6/8/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 05/25/2022)
05/27/2022	<u>192</u>		Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>182</u> MOTION to Suppress <i>Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information</i> (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Alsworth, Melanie) (Entered: 05/27/2022)
05/30/2022	<u>194</u>		MOTION in Limine <i>to Exclude Evidence Concerning Conduct by Others</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 05/30/2022)
06/03/2022	<u>196</u>		Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re 191 MOTION Allow for Expanded Voir Dire, <u>190</u> MOTION to Change Venue <i>or, Alternatively, Allow for Expanded Voir Dire</i> (Alsworth, Melanie) (Entered: 06/03/2022)
06/03/2022	<u>197</u>		REPLY TO OPPOSITION to Motion by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>182</u> MOTION to Suppress <i>Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/03/2022)
06/05/2022	<u>198</u>		SUPPLEMENT by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>197</u> Reply to opposition to Motion <i>to Suppress Facebook and Instagram Data</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/05/2022)

		06/05/2022)
06/08/2022	<u>199</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily to Permit Special Travel</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/08/2022)
06/08/2022	<u>200</u>	REPLY TO OPPOSITION to Motion by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>190</u> MOTION to Change Venue <i>or, Alternatively, Allow for Expanded Voir Dire</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/08/2022)
06/09/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>199</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant Matthew Bledsoe shall be permitted to travel from Olive Branch, Mississippi to Branson, Missouri from June 13, 2022 through June 17, 2022, on condition that the Defendant provide Pretrial Services with his location where he is staying overnight and comply with any other conditions required by Pretrial Services while traveling; it is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of release imposed by the Court shall remain in place. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 6/9/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 06/09/2022)
06/14/2022	<u>201</u>	JOINT PRETRIAL STATMENT by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Carter, Jamie) Modified title and ECF event on 6/15/2022 (ztg). (Entered: 06/14/2022)
06/17/2022	<u>202</u>	NOTICE of <i>Withdrawal of Stipulations</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>201</u> Joint MOTION in <i>Limine Pretrial Motion</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
06/22/2022	<u>203</u>	Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>194</u> MOTION in <i>Limine to Exclude Evidence Concerning Conduct by Others</i> (Alsworth, Melanie) (Entered: 06/22/2022)
06/28/2022	<u>204</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>Temporarily to Permit Special Travel</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/28/2022)
06/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>204</u> Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant Matthew Bledsoe shall be permitted to travel from Olive Branch, Mississippi to Hohenwald, Tennessee from Saturday, July 2 through Sunday, July 3, 2022; it is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 6/29/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 06/29/2022)
06/29/2022	<u>205</u>	REPLY TO OPPOSITION to Motion by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>194</u> MOTION in <i>Limine to Exclude Evidence Concerning Conduct by Others</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 06/29/2022)
07/07/2022	<u>207</u>	NOTICE <i>Regarding Objections to Government's Proposed Exhibits</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 07/07/2022)
07/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DIRECTING the government to submit, by noon on July 11, 2022, any response in support of the admission of the exhibits contested in defendant's <u>207</u> Notice Regarding

		Objections to Government's Proposed Exhibits; and FURTHER DIRECTING defendant to submit, by noon on July 12, 2022, any reply to the governments response. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 7, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 07/07/2022)
07/11/2022	<u>208</u>	Response to Objections to Government's Proposed Exhibits by MATTHEW BLEDSOE by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (Carter, Jamie) Modified Text on 7/13/2022 (zhsj). (Entered: 07/11/2022)
07/12/2022	<u>209</u>	REPLY by MATTHEW BLEDSOE to <u>208</u> <i>Government's Opposition to Defendant's Objections to Government's Proposed Exhibits</i> (Smith, Jerry) Modified on 7/13/2022 (zhsj). (Entered: 07/12/2022)
07/12/2022		MINUTE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, MODIFYING the Defendant's conditions of release SUSPENDING the curfew condition while he is traveling to Washington, D.C. and while he is in Washington, D.C. for the scheduled Pretrial Conference and Jury Trial; it is FURTHER ORDERED that while the Defendant is in Washington, D.C., he shall submit to location monitoring and comply with all of the program's requirements as directed by Pretrial Services or supervising officer; it is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of release imposed by the Court shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 7/12/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 07/12/2022)
07/13/2022		<p>MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DENYING defendant's <u>183</u> Motion to Suppress Data Recovered from Searches of Cell Phones and Derivative Evidence and Information ("Def.'s Mot."). Defendant seeks to suppress data, and any evidence and information derived from that data, obtained from two cell phones that law enforcement seized and searched pursuant to a warrant executed at defendant's residence approximately one week after the events of January 6, 2021. Def.'s Mot. at 1, 4. Defendant contends that the warrant was both overbroad and insufficiently particular because it (1) authorized law enforcement to seize all of the cell phones and other electronic devices in defendant's residence, "regardless of who used or owned those devices and regardless of their linkage to criminal activity," <i>id.</i> at 8, and (2) provided no specific reason that a particular phone in defendant's home would contain evidence related to the crimes he was suspected of committing, <i>id.</i> Both of defendant's arguments are wholly without merit.</p> <p>The warrant application provided the issuing judge with a "substantial basis" for concluding that "a search would uncover evidence of wrongdoing" by "demonstrat[ing] cause to believe that 'evidence is likely to be found at the place to be searched'" and that "'a nexus [exists]... between the item to be seized and criminal behavior.'" <i>United States v. Griffith</i>, 867 F.3d 1265, 1271 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (omission in original) (first quoting <i>Illinois v. Gates</i>, 462 U.S. 213, 236 (1983); then quoting <i>Groh v. Ramirez</i>, 540 U.S. 551, 568 (2004); and then quoting <i>Warden, Md. Penitentiary v. Hayden</i>, 387 U.S. 294, 307 (1967)). The affidavit of Task Force Officer Kenneth Hale of the Federal Bureau of Investigation submitted in support of the search warrant contains detailed allegations: (1) that defendant was among the rioters who illegally entered restricted grounds of the U.S. Capitol and the U.S. Capitol Building itself on January 6, 2021, and then proceeded to various parts of the building while engaging in disruptive conduct; (2) that evidence of defendant's conduct would</p>

be located on various electronic devices, including defendant's cell phone(s); and (3) that those electronic devices would be in defendant's residence, which was the premise to be searched. *See* Gov't's Opp'n Def.'s Mot. Suppress, Ex. A, Aff. of Kenneth Hale Supp. Appl. Search Warrant ("Hale Aff.") at 2–8, ECF No. 189. In particular, the affidavit describes a compilation of videos and photos, all of which appear to be taken by a mobile device, found on defendant's Instagram account that documents his movements and activities on January 6, 2021, including on Capitol grounds and within the building, *id.* at 4–6, as well as relays statements from a post close in time to January 6, 2021, by defendant's wife on Facebook, bragging that (1) defendant was one of the first inside the Capitol that day; (2) they "have lots of pictures and videos"; and (3) defendant communicated with her throughout the day on January 6, *id.* at 8. Law enforcement would have every reason to believe that the electronic devices capturing, sending, and storing the numerous pictures and videos—including mobile devices—would be found on the premises, since the premises to be searched belonged to defendant, who shared the premises with his wife and children. Accordingly, the affidavit provided ample probable cause to believe that defendant committed the enumerated offenses, including Knowingly Entering or Remaining in any Restricted Building or Grounds, 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a), and Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct on Capitol Grounds, 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2), and that incriminating evidence regarding those offenses would be found on his mobile devices, including his cell phone, *see Griffith*, 867 F.3d at 1273 (to justify the search for and seizure of a cell phone, "police needed reason to think not only that [the defendant] possessed a phone, but also that the device would be located in the home and would contain incriminating evidence about his suspected offense").

Defendant presents no reason to believe that law enforcement, at the time of the search, could specifically identify which of defendant's mobile devices would contain evidence of the offenses and presents no authority that a warrant must provide sufficient detail to identify precisely the device belonging to an individual that was used for a given purpose. *See id.* at 1276 (observing that "[t]here may be circumstances in which police have probable cause to seize a phone, yet still lack specific information about the phone's make or model"). Rather, where agents could not have known which device a defendant used to engage in the conduct relevant to the search, courts have upheld warrants broadly authorizing the seizure of "[a]ny computers, cell phones, and/or electronic media that could have been used as a means to commit" described offenses. *United States v. Loera*, 59 F. Supp. 3d 1089, 1151–52 (D.N.M. 2014); *see also United States v. Manafort*, 314 F. Supp. 3d 258, 265–66 (D.D.C. 2018) (describing and relying on *Loera*). The affidavit plainly provides probable cause to believe that one or more of defendant's mobile devices would contain evidence of the offenses and, consequently, the warrant was not overbroad simply because the phone or device with which defendant took, sent, or stored the photos and videos was not—and could not—be more particularly described. *See United States v. Smith*, No. 19-cr-324, 2021 WL 2982144, at *7 (D.D.C. July 15, 2021).

Despite defendant's repeated contention that the warrant "authorized a wide-ranging exploratory search of all electronic devices in [defendant's] home regardless of who used or owned these devices and regardless of their linkage to criminal activity," Def.'s Mot. at 8; *id.* at 10, the warrant

		<p>appropriately cabined the seizure and search of computers and storage media "predominately used, and perhaps owned, by persons [sharing the premises] who are not suspected of a crime," Hale Aff. at par. 38, to only those items where it could be determined that they possibly contained evidence related to the charged conduct, <i>id.</i> Moreover, the issuing judge had a reasonable basis to conclude such evidence would be found not only across defendant's various electronic devices but also among other devices in the residence, even if they did not belong to defendant. The affidavit suggests that defendant lived in the residence with his wife and young children. <i>See id.</i> at 8–10. Based on statements by defendant's wife repeated in the affidavit, her electronic devices likely would contain messages, photos, and videos exchanged with defendant depicting his time at the Capitol on January 6. <i>See, e.g., id.</i> at 8 ("Ok so let's talk about DC. My husband was there. We have lots of pictures and videos.").</p> <p>In short, the 2021 warrant provided probable cause to search the electronic devices at defendant's home for evidence of his unlawful conduct occurring at the Capitol on January 6, 2021. The warrant was sufficiently particular and not overbroad in permitting law enforcement to seize and search any mobile device in defendant's residence that reasonably would contain evidence of his charged offenses. Accordingly, defendant's motion to suppress evidence, including derivative evidence, obtained from the two cell phones seized from his residence is DENIED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 13, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 07/13/2022)</p>
07/13/2022		<p>MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DENYING defendant's <u>194</u> Motion in Limine to Exclude Evidence ("Def.'s Mot."). Defendant seeks to exclude evidence "concerning conduct by others that he cannot be shown to have been aware of at the time it was occurring" and also to exclude any references to such conduct. Def.'s Mot. at 1. Defendant contends that this broad category of evidence is inadmissible because it is irrelevant to each of the five counts charged in the Indictment. <i>Id.</i> at 2 (citing FED. R. EVID. 401(b) & 402). Defendant's motion is fatally flawed and must be denied for several reasons.</p> <p>First, on its face, defendant's motion is overbroad and fails to identify any specific evidence that falls under its general proscription. Such generalized objections, however, are insufficient to raise an issue. <i>See, e.g., United States v. Bradford</i>, 905 F.3d 497, 505 (7th Cir. 2018) ("[O]bjections to the admission of evidence must be made <i>with specificity</i>." (emphasis in original) (citing FED. R. EVID. 103(a)(1)(B))); <i>Sperberg v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.</i>, 519 F.2d 708, 712 (6th Cir. 1975) ("Orders in limine which exclude broad categories of evidence should rarely be employed. A better practice is to deal with questions of admissibility of evidence as they arise."); <i>accord Palmer v. Hoffman</i>, 318 U.S. 109, 119 (1943) ("In fairness to the trial court and to the parties, objections to a charge must be sufficiently specific to bring into focus the precise nature of the alleged error."). Defendant's failure to cite any concrete examples or to identify with particularity the evidence he seeks to exclude by itself is a sufficient basis to deny the motion. <i>See Bullard v. Wastequip Mfg. Co.</i>, No. CV14–01309–MMMSSX, 2015 WL 13757143, at *7 (C.D. Cal. May 4, 2015) (collecting cases holding the same).</p> <p>Second, to the extent defendant's motion was able to elicit from the</p>

		<p>government, in opposing this motion, speculation as to what proposed exhibits defendant might find objectionable, Gov't's Opp'n Def.'s Mot. in Limine ("Gov't's Opp'n") at 7–8, ECF No. 203, this strategic effort still fails defendant. Defendant's retrospective claims in reply that the exhibits identified by the government were the exact evidence he feared would be admitted, <i>see generally</i> Def.'s Reply Supp. Mot. in Limine, ECF No. 205, fall short, <i>see Students Against Genocide v. Dep't of State</i>, 257 F.3d 828, 835 (D.C. Cir. 2001) ("[W]e have repeatedly held that an argument first made in a reply brief ordinarily comes too late for our consideration..."). The Court finds the government's explanations concerning the relevancy to the charged offenses and overall admissibility of these proposed exhibits sufficient to defeat defendant's overbroad pretrial motion to preclude its admission. <i>See, e.g.</i>, Gov't's Opp'n at 11 (explaining how exhibits consisting of police radio runs on January 6, 2021, are relevant to show how defendant and the mob were successful in "diverting police resources and obstructing/impeding an official proceeding (the certification of the electoral votes)," which is probative of multiple elements for Count 1).</p> <p>Finally, to the extent defendant's motion seeks enforcement of Federal Rules of Evidence 401 and 402 regarding admissibility of relevant evidence, this motion is superfluous. In addressing any concerns about specific evidence, including proposed exhibits from either party, the Federal Rules of Evidence will control, as always, the admission of evidence during trial, and defendant will have the opportunity to renew his objection at trial when the government seeks to introduce particular evidence that defendant believes to be inadmissible.</p> <p>In short, defendant's motion is overbroad, rests on speculation, and is unnecessary at this stage. Accordingly, defendant's motion in limine to exclude evidence concerning conduct by others of which defendant was unaware and any references to such conduct is DENIED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 13, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 07/13/2022)</p>
07/15/2022		<p>Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Pretrial Conference as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE held on 7/15/2022; order to be issued by the Court. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Jerry R. Smith Jr; US Attorney: Jamie Carter and Melanie Alsworth; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 07/15/2022)</p>
07/15/2022		<p>MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, for the reasons stated on the record during the parties' July 15, 2022, pretrial conference, DENYING defendant's <u>168</u> Motion to Dismiss Count One; and DENYING defendant's <u>182</u> Motion to Suppress Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information, with a memorandum opinion further explaining the Court's reasoning forthcoming; and DENYING defendant's <u>190</u> Motion to Change Venue and 191 Motion to Allow for Expanded Voir Dire. The government is DIRECTED to file with the Court, by July 18, 2022 at 8:30 AM, (1) any supplement to its 18 U.S.C. § 2702(c)(4) good-faith reliance argument briefed in its <u>192</u> Opposition to Def.'s Mot. Suppress Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information and (2) its final exhibit and witness</p>

		lists. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 15, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 07/15/2022)
07/15/2022	<u>210</u>	FINAL TRIAL ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 15, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 07/15/2022)
07/17/2022	<u>211</u>	SUPPLEMENT by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>192</u> Memorandum in Opposition to <i>Defendant's Motion to Suppress Evidence Obtained Pursuant to Search Warrant</i> (Alsworth, Melanie) (Entered: 07/17/2022)
07/18/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Jury Selection as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE held and concluded on 7/18/2022, 12 jurors and 2 alternates selected and sworn; Jury Trial began as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1) on Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Jury Trial continued to 7/19/2022, at 9:15 AM in Courtroom 22A– In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Jerry R. Smith Jr; US Attorneys: Jamie Carter and Melanie Alsworth. Court Reporters: Elizabeth Saint–Loth (morning)/Tammy Nestor (afternoon). (ztg) (Entered: 07/18/2022)
07/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court having impaneled the jury in this action, it is hereby ORDERED that during trial and deliberations all meals for said jury shall be paid by the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 7/18/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 07/18/2022)
07/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, DIRECTING defendant to file, by July 19, 2022 at 2 PM, any supplemental exhibits for his <u>182</u> Motion to Suppress Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 18, 2022. (lcbah1) (Entered: 07/18/2022)
07/19/2022	<u>213</u>	NOTICE OF EXHIBITS by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Carter, Jamie) (Entered: 07/19/2022)
07/19/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Jury Trial held on 7/19/2022 as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1) on Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Jury Trial resumed with the same jury of 12 and 2 alternates; Jury Trial continued to 7/20/2022, at 9:15 AM in Courtroom 22A– In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Jerry R. Smith Jr.; US Attorneys: Jamie Carter and Melanie Alsworth; Government's Witnesses: U.S. Capitol Police Captain, Sean Patton; FBI Task Force Officer, Kenneth Hale; U.S. Capitol Police Officer, Mark Gazelle. Court Reporters: Elizabeth Saint–Loth (morning) and Tammy Nestor (afternoon). (ztg) (Entered: 07/19/2022)
07/20/2022	<u>214</u>	NOTICE of Declaration in Support of Government's Opposition to <i>Defendant's Suppression Motion</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>211</u> Supplement to any document, <u>192</u> Memorandum in Opposition (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration FBI Special Agent Hess Declaration)(Pearce, James) (Entered: 07/20/2022)
07/20/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Jury Trial held on 7/20/2022 as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE on Counts 1, 2, 3, 4,

		and 5. Jury Trial resumed with the same jury of 12 and 2 alternates; the government and the Defendant rested their cases; Defendant's Rule 29 Motion for a Judgment of Acquittal, heard and denied. Jury Trial Continued to 7/21/2022, at 9:15 AM in Courtroom 22A– In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Jerry R. Smith Jr.; US Attorneys: Jamie Carter and Melanie Alsworth; Government's Witness: U.S. Capitol Police Officer Benjamin Brockwell; Defendant's witness: Matthew John Bledsoe. Court Reporters: Elizabeth Saint–Loth (morning) and Tammy Nestor (afternoon). (ztg) (Entered: 07/20/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>215</u>	Jury Instructions as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (ztg) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>216</u>	ATTORNEYS' ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRIAL EXHIBITS as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (ztg) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/21/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Jury Trial held on 7/21/2022 as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1) on Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Jury Trial resumed and concluded with the same jury of 12 and 2 alternates; 2 alternate jurors excused. Jury deliberations began and concluded with the same Jury of 12; JURY VERDICT rendered as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, Defendant found guilty on all 5 Counts; Jury of 12 polled and discharged. Jury notes (3). Case referred to the Probation Office for presentence investigation; Sentencing Hearing scheduled for 10/21/2022, at 9:30 AM in Courtroom 24A– In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. The Defendant will remain released on his own personal recognizance pending sentencing under the same conditions of release imposed by the Court; Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Jerry R. Smith Jr.; US Attorneys: Jamie Carter and Melanie Alsworth. Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint–Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>217</u>	Jury Notes (3) as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (ztg) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>218</u>	Signature Page of Foreperson as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE in Jury Note. (Access to the PDF Document is restricted pursuant to the E–Government Act. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court.) (ztg) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>219</u>	VERDICT FORM as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (ztg) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>220</u>	Signature Page of Foreperson as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE in Verdict. (Access to the PDF Document is restricted pursuant to the E–Government Act. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court.) (ztg) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/31/2022	<u>222</u>	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, in case as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell, held on 2–04–2022; Page Numbers: 1 – 14. Date of Issuance: 7–31–2022. Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint–Loth, Telephone number: 202–354–3242. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u> 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

		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 8/21/2022. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 8/31/2022. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 10/29/2022.(Saint–Loth, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/31/2022)</p>
08/22/2022	<u>224</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION, as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, regarding defendant's <u>182</u> Motion to Suppress Data Recovered from Facebook and Instagram Accounts and Derivative Evidence and Information. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 22, 2022. (Icbah1) (Entered: 08/22/2022)
10/07/2022	<u>228</u>	SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (Carter, Jamie) (Entered: 10/07/2022)
10/08/2022	<u>229</u>	SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by MATTHEW BLEDSOE (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 10/08/2022)
10/13/2022	<u>230</u>	RESPONSE by MATTHEW BLEDSOE <i>to Government's Sentencing Memorandum</i> (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 10/13/2022)
10/18/2022	<u>231</u>	MOTION to Self–Surrender to BOP by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) Modified Event on 10/18/2022 (zhsj). (Entered: 10/18/2022)
10/20/2022	<u>233</u>	MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release <i>by Lifting Curfew for Travel to Court</i> by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 10/20/2022)
10/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1), GRANTING <u>233</u> Motion to Lift Curfew So Defendant Can Attend Court on October 21, 2022. Upon consideration of the motion to modify, it is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant's curfew be lifted for the night of October 20 to October 21, 2022, so that he can attend his sentencing at 9:30 a.m. on October 21, 2022. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/20/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 10/20/2022)
10/21/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Sentencing held on 10/21/2022 as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Downward variance granted. Defendant sentenced to serve a term of forty–eight (48) months imprisonment on Count 1, a term of twelve (12) months on each of Counts 2 and 3, and a term of six (6) months on each of Counts 4 and 5, with all terms to run concurrently; following incarceration the Defendant shall serve a term of thirty–six (36) months of supervised release on Count 1 and a term of twelve (12) months on each of Counts 2 and 3, all terms to run concurrently. Defendant ordered to pay to the Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia a special assessment in the amount of \$100.00 for Count 1, \$25.00 for each of Counts 2 and 3, and \$10.00 for each of Counts 4 and 5 for a total of \$170.00; a fine in the amount of

		<p>\$2,000.00, and restitution to be disbursed to the Architect of the Capitol in the amount of \$2,000.00. Oral motion by the Defendant for prison camp designation at FCI Forrest City in AR or FCI Memphis, Satellite Camp in TN, granted; Defendant's <u>231</u> Motion to Self-surrender to BOP, granted. The Court will additionally recommend that the defendant be given the opportunity to participate in the Nonresidential Drug Abuse Program and Residential Drug Abuse Program (RDAP). The Defendant will be allowed to self-surrender and shall remain released on his own personal recognizance under the same conditions of release imposed by the Court. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Jerry R. Smith Jr; US Attorney: Jamie Carter and Melanie Alsworth; Probation Officer: Robert Walters (via videoconference); Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (via videoconference). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) Modified on 10/21/2022 (ztg). (Entered: 10/21/2022)</p>
10/21/2022	<u>237</u>	<p>JUDGMENT as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/21/2022. (zhsj) (Entered: 10/24/2022)</p>
10/21/2022	<u>238</u>	<p>STATEMENT OF REASONS as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>237</u> Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/21/2022. (zhsj) (Entered: 10/24/2022)</p>
11/02/2022	<u>239</u>	<p>NOTICE OF APPEAL – Final Judgment by MATTHEW BLEDSOE re <u>237</u> Judgment. Filing fee \$ 505, receipt number ADCDC-9645232. Fee Status: Fee Paid. Parties have been notified. (Smith, Jerry) (Entered: 11/02/2022)</p>

Notice of Appeal Criminal

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

MATTHEW BLEDSOE

Criminal No. 21-cr-204 (BAH)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Name and address of appellant: Matthew Bledsoe
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717 D Street, N.W.
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Name and address of appellant's attorney: Jerry Ray Smith, Jr.
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Offense: Obstruction of Official Proceeding (18 U.S.C., Section 1512(c)(2)) and four misdemeanors.

Concise statement of judgment or order, giving date, and any sentence:

Defendant convicted at trial. On October 21, 2022, he was sentenced to 48 months incarceration followed by 3 years supervised release.

Name and institution where now confined, if not on bail: Def. on bail pending self-surrender.

I, the above named appellant, hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from the above-stated judgment.

November 2, 2022
DATE

Matthew Bledsoe
APPELLANT

Jerry Ray Smith, Jr.
ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

GOVT. APPEAL, NO FEE
CJA, NO FEE
PAID USDC FEE
PAID USCA FEE

Does counsel wish to appear on appeal? YES NO
Has counsel ordered transcripts? YES NO
Is this appeal pursuant to the 1984 Sentencing Reform Act? YES NO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Columbia

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MATTHEW BLEDSOE
a/k/a Matthew John Bledsoe

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 21CR204-01 (BAH)

USM Number: 25766-509

Jerry R. Smith Jr.
Defendant's Attorney

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Bankruptcy Courts**

THE DEFENDANT:

- pleaded guilty to count(s) _____
- pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____
which was accepted by the court.
- was found guilty on count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of the Indictment filed on 3/10/2021
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 USC 1512(c)(2) and 2	Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting	1/6/2021	1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 9 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____
- Count(s) _____ is are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

10/21/2022

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

Beryl A. Howell, Chief U.S. District Judge

Name and Title of Judge

Date

October 21, 2022

DEFENDANT: MATTHEW BLEDSOE a/k/a Matthew John Bledsoe
CASE NUMBER: 21CR204-01 (BAH)

ADDITIONAL COUNTS OF CONVICTION

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 USC 1752(a)(1) and 18 USC 1752(b)(2)	Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds	1/6/2021	2
18 USC 1752(a)(2) and 18 USC 1752(b)(2)	Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds	1/6/2021	3
40 USC 5104(e)(2)(D) and 40 USC 5109(b)	Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building	1/6/2021	4
40 USC 5104(e)(2)(G) and 40 USC 5109(b)	Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building	1/6/2021	5

DEFENDANT: MATTHEW BLEDSOE a/k/a Matthew John Bledsoe
CASE NUMBER: 21CR204-01 (BAH)

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: FORTY-EIGHT (48) MONTHS on Count 1, TWELVE (12) MONTHS on each of Counts 2 and 3, and SIX (6) MONTHS on each of Counts 4 and 5, with all counts to be served concurrent for a total of 48 months.

- The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
That the Bureau of Prisons designate incarceration at FCI Forrest City in Forrest City, AR or FCI Memphis, Satellite Camp, in Millington, TN.
That the defendant be given the opportunity to participate in the Nonresidential Drug Abuse Program and Residential Drug Abuse Program (RDAP).
- The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
 - at _____ a.m. p.m. on _____.
 - as notified by the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
 - before 2 p.m. on _____.
 - as notified by the United States Marshal.
 - as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL
By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of:

THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS as to Count 1 and TWELVE (12) MONTHS as to Counts 2 and 3, with all counts to be served concurrent for a total of 36 months.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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ADDITIONAL STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

Special Assessment - The defendant is ordered to pay a special assessment of \$100.00 for Count 1; \$25.00 for each of Counts 2 and 3; and \$10.00 for each of Counts 4 and 5, for a total of \$170.00, in accordance with 18 USC 3013.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant is ordered to make restitution to the Architect of the Capitol in the amount of \$2,000.00. The Court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and therefore waives any interest or penalties that may accrue on the balance. Restitution payments shall be made to the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court, District of Columbia, for disbursement to the following victim: Architect of the Capitol, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Attn: Kathy Sherrill, CPA, Ford House Office Building, Room H2-205B, Washington, DC 20515.

The defendant is ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00. The Court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and therefore waives any interest or penalties that may accrue on the balance.

Financial Payment - The defendant must pay the financial penalty in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of the judgment. He must also notify the court of any changes in economic circumstances that might affect the ability to pay this financial penalty.

Financial Payment Schedule - Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payments of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows: Payment in equal monthly installments of \$150.00 per month to commence after the date of this judgment.

Financial Information Disclosure - The defendant must provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information and authorize the release of any financial information. The Probation Office may share financial information with the United States Attorney's Office.

Financial Restrictions - The defendant must not incur new credit charges, or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer.

Substance Abuse Testing - The defendant must submit to substance abuse testing to determine if he has used a prohibited substance. He must not attempt to obstruct or tamper with the testing methods.

Re-entry Progress Hearing - Within sixty days of release from incarceration or placement on supervision, the defendant will appear before the Court for a re-entry progress hearing. Prior to the hearing, the probation officer will submit a report summarizing the defendant's status and compliance with release conditions. If the defendant is supervised by a district outside of the Washington DC metropolitan area, the United States Probation Office in that district will submit a progress report to the Court within 60 days of the commencement of supervision; upon receipt of the progress report, the Court will determine if the defendant's appearance is required.

The financial obligations are immediately payable to the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court, 333 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Within 30 days of any change of address, the defendant shall notify the Clerk of the Court of the change until such time as the financial obligation is paid in full.

The Probation Office shall release the presentence investigation report to all appropriate agencies, which includes the United States Probation Office in the approved district of residence, in order to execute the sentence of the Court. Treatment agencies shall return the presentence report to the Probation Office upon the defendant's completion or termination from treatment.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>
TOTALS	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

The determination of restitution is deferred until _____ . An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.

The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss***</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
Architect of the Capitol		\$2,000.00	
Office of the Chief Financial Officer			
Attn: Kathy Sherrill, CPA			
Ford House Office Building,			
Room H2-205B			
Washington, DC 20515			
TOTALS	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	

Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____

The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

the interest requirement is waived for the fine restitution.

the interest requirement for the fine restitution is modified as follows:

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A Lump sum payment of \$ 170.00 due immediately, balance due
 - not later than _____, or
 - in accordance with C, D, E, or F below; or
- B Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with C, D, or F below); or
- C Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:
The defendant shall pay a \$170 special assessment, a \$2,000.00 fine, and \$2,000.00 restitution. These amounts are due and payable to the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Payments of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows: Payment in equal monthly installments of \$150.00 per month to commence after the date of this judgment.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several

Case Number Defendant and Co-Defendant Names (including defendant number)	Total Amount	Joint and Several Amount	Corresponding Payee, if appropriate
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- The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTa assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.