

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

V.

ETHAN NORDEAN, et al.,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:21-cr-175-TJK

**NOTICE THAT DEFENDANT NORDEAN HAS BEEN CONFINED IN THE SHU  
WITHOUT EXPLANATION**

Defendant Nordean, through his counsel, submits this notice to inform the Court about his current conditions of confinement in pretrial incarceration. At some point last week, Nordean was removed from the general inmate population in FDC SeaTac—where he has been incarcerated for the past eight months—and placed in a Special Housing Unit (SHU), i.e., solitary confinement. Counsel understands that Nordean has been held in solitary confinement 24 hours a day through the date of this filing with the exception of a few minutes to make a single phone call. Counsel understands that Nordean has been given no explanation for his placement in the SHU and counsel has been unable to obtain one.

Dated: December 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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