

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
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v.	:	Case No. 21-mj-_____
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GABRIEL AUGUSTIN GARCIA	:	UNDER SEAL
Defendant.	:	

GOVERNMENT’S MOTION TO SEAL THE ARREST WARRANT, CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AND TO DELAY ENTRY ON THE PUBLIC DOCKET OF THE FILING OF THIS MOTION TO SEAL

The United States of America, by and through its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, respectfully moves this Court to place under seal the Arrest Warrant, the Criminal Complaint with its supporting Statement of Facts, any ancillary documents, this Motion to Seal, any Order granting this Motion to Seal, and to delay entry on the public docket of the filing of this Motion to Seal and Order of the Court. In support of this motion, government submits as follows:

Public disclosure of the existence of the Arrest Warrant at this time might alert the defendant that he is wanted for criminal charges and this presents the risk that the defendant might attempt to destroy potentially incriminating evidence, flee, or otherwise attempt to evade arrest, which might place law enforcement officers and the public at large at risk. These are compelling reasons for the sealing of these documents. Accordingly, the United States requests that this Court grant the accompanying proposed order.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and for any other such reasons as may appear to the Court, the government respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion to seal the Arrest Warrant, the Criminal Complaint with its supporting Statement of Facts, any ancillary documents, this Motion to Seal, and Order granting this Motion to Seal, and enter the attached proposed order.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

Based on the representations in the government’s Motion to Seal the Arrest Warrant, Criminal Complaint and Related Documents and to Delay Entry on the Public Docket of the Filing of this Motion to Seal, this Court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Public disclosure of the existence of the Arrest Warrant and Criminal Complaint, with its supporting Statement of Facts, at this time might alert the defendant that he is wanted for criminal charges and this presents the risk that the defendant might attempt to destroy potentially incriminating evidence, flee, or otherwise attempt to evade arrest, which might place law enforcement officers and the public at large, at risk.

Based on the representations in the government’s motion, *Washington Post v. Robinson*, 935 F.2d 282, 289 n.10 (D.C. Cir. 1991), and this Court’s findings of facts, this Court finds that there is a compelling governmental interest in sealing the Arrest Warrant, the Criminal Complaint with its supporting Statement of Facts, any ancillary documents, the Motion to Seal, and this Order granting the Motion to Seal, and that an extraordinary situation exists which justifies a delay in the public docketing of any notice that the government’s motion and this Order have been filed with the Criminal Clerk’s office under seal.

It is **ORDERED** that this Order, the attached government motion to seal, the Arrest

Warrant, and the Complaint, its supporting Statement of Facts shall be filed under seal in the Criminal Clerk's office until further order of this Court. If the defendant is arrested, the Complaint shall be unsealed.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Criminal Clerk's office shall not make any entry on the public docket in this case of the government's motion to seal and the Order granting such motion, the Complaint, and other pleadings filed under seal in this case until further order of this Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that notwithstanding the other provisions of this ORDER, the government shall be permitted to disclose the Arrest Warrant and Complaint with its supporting Statement of Facts and related materials in furtherance of its law enforcement needs and discovery obligations.

Ordered January 17, 2021.

United States Magistrate Judge