

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ANDREW WILLIAMS,

Defendant.

No. 21-mj-30 (GMH)

UNDER SEAL

MOTION TO UNSEAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

The United States of America, by and through its undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this *ex parte* motion to unseal the above-captioned matter, including but not limited to the above-captioned arrest warrant, complaint, and affidavit in support thereof, and all attachments thereto and other related materials (collectively, the “Warrant”).

When the Court issued the Warrant, it also granted the government’s motion to seal the Warrant, finding reasonable grounds to believe that disclosure of the Warrant would result in flight from prosecution and/or destruction of or tampering with evidence, and thus also finding that the United States had established that a compelling governmental interest existed to justify the requested sealing.

On January 12, 2021, the Warrant was executed, and Defendant Andrew Williams was arrested in Florida. He will have a Rule 5 hearing before the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida later today.

Now that the defendant has been arrested, there is no longer a compelling governmental interest to justify sealing the Warrant.

ACCORDINGLY, the government respectfully requests that the above-captioned matter, to include the Warrant, be unsealed.

Sincerely,

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ORDER

This matter having come before the Court pursuant to the motion of the United States to unseal the above-captioned matter, including the above-captioned warrant and related documents, such as the complaint, the affidavit in support thereof, and all attachments thereto and other related materials (collectively the “Warrant”), the Court finds that, as the Defendant Andrew Williams has been arrested and the Warrant executed, there is no longer a compelling governmental interest to justify the sealing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the government’s motion to unseal is hereby GRANTED, and the above-captioned matter and all documents filed in this matter to date, including but not limited to the Warrant, the prior application to seal and sealing Order, and the instant motion to unseal, shall be unsealed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk’s office may now make entry on the public docket of the Warrant and of this matter.

G. MICHAEL HARVEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE