

**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 CONDUCT ON CAPITOL GROUNDS; Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building (4)
- 40:5104(e)(2)(G); VIOLENT ENTRY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON CAPITOL GROUNDS; Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building (5)

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

None

Disposition

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/10/2021	23	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	27	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	32	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: # 1 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 32 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	33	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 3/12/2021. (Attachments: # 1 Appearance Bond) (ztg) Modified to add name of defendant on 3/12/2021. (ztg). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	35	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 32 to view document). (zmmw) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
04/28/2021	36	MOTION to Modify Conditions of Release by MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # 1 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 36 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	37	RESPONSE by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE re 36 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 37 response, defendants 36 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	38	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Mitra Jafary-Hariri appearing for USA. (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/06/2021)
05/12/2021	45	Unopposed MOTION for Disclosure re: <i>Sealed Materials</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # 1 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 45 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	48	Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order <i>Governing Discovery</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 48 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	49	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)

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