

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00184-BAH-1**

Case title: USA v. MELS

Date Filed: 03/03/2021

Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell

Defendant (1)

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Pending Counts

- 18:1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building (1)
- 18:1752(a)(2); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building (2)
- 40:5104(e)(2)(D); VIOLENT ENTRY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON CAPITOL GROUNDS; Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building (3)
- 40:5104(e)(2)(G); VIOLENT ENTRY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON CAPITOL GROUNDS; Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building (4)

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Misdemeanor

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

COMPLAINT in Violation of 18:1752((a)(1) and 40:5104(e)(2)

Disposition

Plaintiff

USA

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/10/2021	1	SEALED COMPLAINT as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1). (Attachments: # 1 Statement of Facts) (zstd) [1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*] (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/10/2021	2	MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(zstd) [1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*] (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/10/2021	4	ORDER granting 2 Motion to Seal Case as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1). Signed by Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui on 02/10/2021. (zstd) [1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*] (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/11/2021		Arrest of Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS in the Eastern District of Michigan. (kk) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
02/11/2021		ENTERED IN ERROR AS A DUPLICATE.....Arrest of JAMES ALLEN MELS in US District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division. (bb) Modified on 4/2/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 03/30/2021)

02/13/2021	12	Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to JAMES ALLEN MELS from US District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division Case Number 21-30071 (00) (Entered: 02/30/2021)
02/22/2021	6	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/22/2021. (zpt)[1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*] (Additional attachment(s) added on 4/23/2021: # 1 Appearance Bond) (zkk). (Entered: 02/28/2021)
02/22/2021	15	Arrest Warrant, dated 2/10/2021, returned executed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on 2/22/2021 as to Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS. (kk) (zkk). (Entered: 03/25/2021)
02/22/2021		ORAL MOTION by Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS to Appoint Counsel. (kk) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
02/22/2021		ORAL MOTION by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 2/22/2021 to 3/4/2021 as to Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS. (kk) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
02/22/2021		Minute Entry for Initial Appearance as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held by video before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/22/2021 : The Court advised the Government of its due process obligations under Rule 5(f). The defendant was amenable to appearing virtually for the hearing. Oral Motion by Defendant to Appoint Counsel, heard and granted. Assistant Federal Public Defender Cara Halverson appointed to represent JAMES ALLEN MELS. Preliminary Hearing set for 3/4/2021 at 1:00 pm by telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui. Oral Motion by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 2/22/2021 to 3/4/2021, with no objection by the defense, heard and granted in the interest of justice. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant placed on Personal Recognizance Bond. Court Reporter: FTR Gold - Ctrm. 7; FTR Time Frame: 1:18:46 - 1:32:48. Defense Attorney: Cara Halverson; U.S. Attorney: Kelly Smith for Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: John Copes. (kk) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
03/03/2021	7	SEALED INFORMATION as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4. (bb) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/03/2021	9	MOTION to Unseal Case by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(bb) Modified on 3/4/2021 (bb). (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 9 Government's Motion to Unseal Case as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. Upon consideration of the government's motion, it is ORDERED that this case be unsealed. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 3/4/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021		Case unsealed as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (bb) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. The parties shall take notice that an Arraignment Hearing is scheduled for 3/5/2021, at 9:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Video connection details will be provided by the deputy clerk.(ztg) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021	10	STANDING ORDER, as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 4, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The hearing currently scheduled for March 4, 2021 is hereby VACATED, as the government has formally charged JAMES ALLEN MELS and there are no additional matters necessitating action by a magistrate judge. If a hearing has not been scheduled before the assigned district judge, the parties are respectfully directed to contact the chambers of the assigned district judge to schedule a hearing. Signed by Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui on 3/4/2021. (ztl) (Entered: 03/06/2021)
03/05/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Arraignment held on 3/5/2021 via videoconference as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. The Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Plea of not guilty to Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Information filed on 3/3/2021, entered by Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS. A Status Hearing is scheduled for 5/14/2021, at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. The Defendant agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until 5/14/2021. The Court found that time under the Speedy Trial Act should be excluded from 3/5/2021 through 5/14/2021, 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 permit the government to complete discovery and to the defense to review and discuss the discovery provided. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Cara K. Halverson; US Attorney: Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 03/05/2021)
03/07/2021	11	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Adam Alexander appearing for USA. (Alexander, Adam) (Entered: 03/07/2021)
03/08/2021	12	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Cara Kurtz Halverson appearing for JAMES ALLEN MELS (Halverson, Cara) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
05/14/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held via videoconference on 5/14/2021. The Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 7/9/2021, at 11:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Time excluded by the Court under the Speedy Trial Act from 5/14/2021 through 7/9/2021, 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 give the government time to complete discovery and the defendant to review the discovery and any plea offer extended by the government and decide how to proceed in this matter. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: Kara K. Halverson; US Attorney: Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
07/09/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held via videoconference on 7/9/2021. The Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 9/24/2021, at 9:15 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Time excluded under the Speedy Trial Act from 7/9/2021 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 complete discovery and give the parties time to discuss a disposition of this case short of trial. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: Cara K. Halverson; US Attorney: Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 07/09/2021)

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