

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00028-APM-8**

Case title: USA v. CALDWELL et al

Date Filed: 01/27/2021

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta

Defendant (8)

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Pending Counts

- 18 U.S.C. 371; CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES;
Conspiracy
(1)
- 18 U.S.C. 371; CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES;
Conspiracy
(1s)
- 18 U.S.C. 371; CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES;
Conspiracy
(1ss)
- 18 U.S.C. 371; CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES;
Conspiracy
(1sss)
- 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(2) and 2; TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, VICTIM OR
INFORMANT; Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting
(2)
- 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(2), 2; TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, VICTIM OR
INFORMANT; Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting
(2s)
- 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(2), 2; TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, VICTIM OR
INFORMANT; Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting
(2ss)
- 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(2), 2; TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, VICTIM OR
INFORMANT; Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting
(2sss)
- 18 U.S.C. 1361, 2; GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR CONTRACTS >;
Destruction of Government Property and Aiding and Abetting
(3)
- 18 U.S.C. 1361, 2; GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR CONTRACTS >;
Destruction of Government Property and Aiding and Abetting
(3s)
- 18 U.S.C. 1361, 2; GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR CONTRACTS >;
Destruction of Government Property and Aiding and Abetting
(3ss)
- 18 U.S.C. 1361 and 2; GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR CONTRACTS >;
Destruction of Government Property and Aiding and Abetting
(3sss)
- 18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT;
Restricted Building or Grounds
(4)
- 18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT;
Restricted Building or Grounds
(4s)
- 18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT;
Restricted Building or Grounds
(4ss)
- 18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT;
Restricted Building or Grounds
(4sss)
- 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(1); TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, VICTIM OR
INFORMANT; Tampering with Documents or Proceedings
(11sss)

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

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Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

COMPLAINT in Violation of 18:2. 18:371. 18:1361. 18:1512(c)(2) and 18:1752(a)

Disposition

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/11/2021	1	SEALED COMPLAINT as to KELLY MEGGS (1), CONNIE MEGGS (2), GRAYDON YOUNG (3), LAURA STEELE (4). (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit in Support) (zstd) [1:21-mj-00225-RMM *SEALED*] (Entered: 02/14/2021)
02/11/2021	2	MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(zstd) [1:21-mj-00225-RMM *SEALED*] (Entered: 02/14/2021)
02/11/2021	3	ORDER granting 2 Motion to Seal Case as to KELLY MEGGS (1), CONNIE MEGGS (2), GRAYDON YOUNG (3), LAURA STEELE (4). Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 02/11/2021. (zstd) [1:21-mj-00225-RMM *SEALED*] (Entered: 02/14/2021)
02/17/2021		Case unsealed as to KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS (bb) (Entered: 02/23/2021)
02/19/2021	27	SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT filed by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1)count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, DONOVAN RAY CROWL(2) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS(3) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, SANDRA RUTH PARKER(4) Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER(5) Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, GRAYDON YOUNG(6)count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, LAURA STEELE(7)count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, KELLY MEGGS(8) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, CONNIE MEGGS(9) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4. (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.) (zstd) Modified counts on 3/9/2021 (zftp). Modified to unseal on 3/11/2021 (zjd). Modified on 3/15/2021 (zftp). (Entered: 02/22/2021)
03/04/2021	60	ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: David A. Wilson appearing for KELLY MEGGS (Wilson, David) Modified on 3/17/2021 (zftp). (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021	62	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: David A. Wilson appearing for KELLY MEGGS Amended (Wilson, David) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: as to KELLY MEGGS re 60 Notice of Attorney Appearance - Defendant was entered in error and counsel refiled said pleading. The correct docket entry is 62 . (zftp) (Entered: 03/17/2021)
03/11/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to KELLY MEGGS (8): Initial Appearance and Arraignment set for 3/12/2021 at 3:00 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy has circulated connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. (zjd) (Entered: 03/11/2021)
03/11/2021		Counts added: THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4 (zftp) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/12/2021	73	MOTION to Continue <i>Schedule Trial Date (Motion to Designate Case Complex and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act)</i> by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Rakoczy, Kathryn) Modified event on 3/23/2021 (zftp). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9). Any opposition to the Government's Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act, ECF No. 73 , shall be filed by March 17, 2021. Any reply in support of the Motion shall be filed by March 19, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/12/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	77	SECOND SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, 5ss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 6s, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, KENNETH HARRELSON (10) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4. (zftp) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/12/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Arraignment as to KELLY MEGGS (8) and Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), and KELLY MEGGS (8) held on 3/12/2021 via video conference. Defendant KELLY MEGGS (8) appeared telephonically for this hearing. Plea of NOT GUILTY entered by KELLY MEGGS (8) as to Counts 1-4. Oral Order of the Court granting 53 MOTION for Reconsideration of Detention as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1). See ECF No. 75 for the Order Setting Conditions of Release. In the interest of justice (XT), and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 3/13/2021 through and including 4/6/2021 shall be excluded in computing speedy trial in this case as to all defendants. Status Conference set for 4/6/2021 at 3:30 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy shall circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendant: Caldwell (1): Released on HISP; Watkins (2): remains committed; S. Parker (4): remains on personal recognizance; B. Parker (5): remains on personal recognizance; K. Meggs (8): committed, committed issued Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), and David Wilson (8). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy, Ahmed Baset, Jeffrey Nestler, and Justin Sher. (zjd) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/12/2021	97	MOTION to Exclude Time Under The Speedy Trial Act by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON. (See docket entry 73 to view document) (zftp) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
03/15/2021	79	TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE/ARRAIGNMENT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on March 12, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-72. Date of Issuance: March 15, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov . Redaction Request due 4/5/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/15/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/13/2021.(wz) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/17/2021	82	MOTION for Bond by KELLY MEGGS. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Exhibit A Detention Order)(Wilson, David) (Entered: 03/17/2021)
03/17/2021	85	Notice of Appearance by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON. (Manzo, Louis) Modified text on 3/23/2021 (zftp). (Entered: 03/17/2021)
03/18/2021	88	MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION to Motion by KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS re 73 MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Schedule Trial Date (Motion to Designate Case Complex and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act)</i> (Wilson, David) Modified event title on 3/26/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 03/18/2021)
03/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to KELLY MEGGS (8). The government shall respond to Defendant's 82 Renewed Request for Pretrial Release on or before March 23, 2021. Defendant KELLY MEGGS (8) shall submit his reply on or before March 25, 2021. The parties shall appear for a hearing on the motion via videoconference on March 26, 2021, at 4 p.m. Judge Mehta's courtroom deputy will coordinate videoconferencing access for the parties. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. The public access line will be muted. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/18/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/18/2021)
03/19/2021	94	REPLY in Support by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN

		PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON re 73 MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Schedule Trial Date (Motion to Designate Case Complex and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act)</i> (Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
03/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and KENNETH HARRELSON (10). All counsel of record—including all government counsel—shall appear for a videoconference hearing today, March 23, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. concerning recent statements to the media about these proceedings. Defendants' presence will not be necessary for this hearing nor is it required under Circuit precedent. See <i>United States v. Cordova</i> , 806 F.3d 1085, 1095-96 (D.C. Cir. 2015). Judge Mehta's courtroom deputy will coordinate videoconferencing access for the parties. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. The public access line will be muted. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/23/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
03/23/2021		Set/Reset Hearings as to ALL DEFENDANTS: Status Conference set for 3/23/2021 at 4:30 PM via video conference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zjd) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
03/23/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9) held on 3/23/2021 via videoconference. Bond Status of Defendant: defendants not present. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Robert Foley (6), Desiree Wilson (6), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8 and 9). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy and John Crabb. (zjd) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
03/23/2021	98	RESPONSE by USA as to KELLY MEGGS re 82 MOTION for Bond (Nestler, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
03/24/2021	100	TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on March 23, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-23. Date of Issuance: March 24, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov . Redaction Request due 4/14/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/24/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/22/2021.(wz) (Entered: 03/24/2021)
03/24/2021	101	NOTICE OF FILING OF FIRST DISCOVERY LETTER by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Discovery Letter, # 2 Exhibit Discovery Log, # 3 Exhibit 2-22-21 Email, # 4 Exhibit 3-12-21 Email, # 5 Exhibit 3-23-21 Email)(Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 03/24/2021)
03/25/2021	106	SUPPLEMENT by USA as to KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS re 86 Response to motion, 98 Response to motion (Nestler, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
03/26/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING: Detention Hearing as to DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) set for 3/26/2021 at 1:00 PM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Detention Hearing as to KELLY MEGGS (8) set for 3/26/2021 at 4:00 PM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. (zjd) (Entered: 03/26/2021)
03/26/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Detention Hearing as to KELLY MEGGS (8) held on 3/26/2021. For the reasons stated on the record, Defendant's 82 Motion for Bond is denied. Bond Status of Defendant: remains committed. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorney: David Wilson. US Attorney: Jeffrey Nestler. Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (zjd) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
03/30/2021	118	TRANSCRIPT OF DETENTION HEARING VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to KELLY MEGGS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on March 26, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-42. Date of Issuance: March 30, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov . Redaction Request due 4/20/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/30/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/28/2021.(wz) (Entered: 03/30/2021)
03/31/2021	120	MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 03/31/2021)
03/31/2021	121	MOTION for Order Granting Leave to Provide Sealed Filings in Discovery by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 03/31/2021)
03/31/2021	127	THIRD SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 5sss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, 6ss, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, KENNETH HARRELSON (10) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11) count(s) 1, 2, 4, JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) count(s) 1, 2, 4. (zltpl) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/01/2021	123	ORDER granting the United States' 120 Motion for Protective Order as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and KENNETH HARRELSON (10). With respect to any document or portion of a document for which treatment under seal is sought pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of the Protective Order, the party seeking such treatment shall file a motion requesting sealing and providing a justification for sealing pursuant to the so-called Hubbard factors. See <i>E.E.O.C. v. Nat'l Child's Ctr., Inc.</i> , 98 F.3d 1406, 1409 (D.C. Cir. 1996). See the attached Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/1/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 04/01/2021)
04/01/2021	124	ORDER granting the United States' 121 Motion to Disclose Sealed Filings in Discovery as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), and KENNETH HARRELSON (10). See the attached Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/1/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 04/01/2021)
04/01/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to ALL DEFENDANTS: Status Conference reset to 4/6/2021 at 4:00 PM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy has circulated connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. (zjd) (Entered: 04/01/2021)
04/05/2021	129	MOTION for Reconsideration of <i>Detention Order</i> by KELLY MEGGS. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Photograph of Clothing, # 2 Exhibit Photograph of Gear)(Wilson, David) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/06/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA JAMES (12) held on 4/6/2021 via videoconference. Plea of Not Guilty entered by CONNIE MEGGS (9) as to all counts. Plea of Not Guilty entered by KENNETH HARRELSON (10) as to all counts. Plea of Not Guilty entered by ROBERTO MINUTA (11) as to all counts. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JOSHUA JAMES (12) as to all counts. Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON's (10) Motion for Review of Pretrial Detention due by 4/7/2021. Government's Opposition due by 4/12/2021. Detention Hearing set for 4/14/2021 at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Defendants KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA JAMES (12) shall file a Notice Regarding Protective Order by 4/8/2021. The Government shall file a response to 129 Motion for Reconsideration of Detention Order by 4/12/2021. Status Conference set for 6/1/2021 at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearings via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendants: Thomas Edward Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Donovan Ray Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Jessica Marie Watkins (3) remains in custody, Sandra Ruth Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, Bennie Alvin Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Graydon Young (6) remains on PR/HISP, Laura Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP, Kelly Meggs (8) remains in custody, Connie Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Kenneth Harrelson (10) remains in custody, Roberto Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, Joshua James (12) remains in custody. Court Reporter: William Zaremba. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Desiree Wilson and Robert Foley (6), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8 and 9), Nina Ginsberg and Jeffrey Zimmerman (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joni Robin and Chris Leibig (12). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy and Jeffrey Nestler. Pretrial Officer: Masharia Holman. (zjd) (Entered: 04/06/2021)

04/07/2021	144	ORDER as to KELLY MEGGS (8) and CONNIE MEGGS (9) appointing conflicts counsel to provide advice concerning the potential conflicts of interests arising from their joint representation by the same counsel. Conflicts counsel shall update the court by April 21, 2021, as to their progress in rendering such advice. See the attached Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/7/2021. (lcapml) (Entered: 04/07/2021)
04/07/2021	145	ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) granting the United States' 73 Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act. Please see the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/7/2021. (lcapml) (Entered: 04/07/2021)
04/09/2021	148	NOTICE OF FILING OF SECOND DISCOVERY LETTER by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Discovery Letter 2)(Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 04/09/2021)
04/12/2021	153	RESPONSE by USA as to KELLY MEGGS re 129 MOTION for Reconsideration of Detention Order (Nestler, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/12/2021)
04/13/2021	155	MOTION for Bill of Particulars by KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS. (Wilson, David) (Entered: 04/13/2021)
04/16/2021	162	RESPONSE by USA as to KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS re 155 MOTION for Bill of Particulars (Nestler, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/16/2021)
04/23/2021	169	NOTICE OF FILING OF THIRD DISCOVERY LETTER by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Third Discovery Letter)(Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 04/23/2021)
04/23/2021	177	ORDER as to KELLY MEGGS (8) denying 129 Motion for Reconsideration. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/23/2021. (lcapml) (Entered: 04/23/2021)
04/27/2021	182	ORDER as to KELLY MEGGS (8) and CONNIE MEGGS (9) denying 155 Motion for Bill of Particulars. See the attached Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/27/2021. (lcapml) (Entered: 04/27/2021)
05/26/2021	196	FOURTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 4ssss, 9ssss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 6ssss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 6ssss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 6ssss, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 4ssss, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 6ssss, 10ssss, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 11ssss, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, KENNETH HARRELSON (10) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 3ss, 4ss, 12ss, ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, 7s, 8s, 13s, JONATHAN WALDEN (13) count(s) 1, 2, 4, JOSEPH HACKETT (14) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, JASON DOLAN (15) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, WILLIAM ISAACS (16) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6. (zltpl) Modified on 5/27/2021 (zjd). (Entered: 05/27/2021)
05/27/2021	202	MOTION to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES. (Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 05/27/2021)
05/27/2021	207	MOTION to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES. (See docket entry 202 to view document.) (zltpl) (Entered: 05/28/2021)
05/30/2021	209	ENTERED IN ERROR....REDACTED FOURTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to ALL DEFENDANTS. (zjd) Modified on 5/30/2021 (zjd). (Entered: 05/30/2021)
05/30/2021	210	REDACTED FOURTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to ALL DEFENDANTS. (zjd) (Entered: 05/30/2021)
06/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA A. JAMES (12). The parties shall file their Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 12(b) pretrial motions (not to include motions in limine) on or before July 1, 2021; oppositions shall be filed on or before July 29, 2021; and replies shall be filed on or before August 19, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/1/2021. (lcapml) (Entered: 06/01/2021)
06/01/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference/Arraignment as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16) held via videoconference on 6/1/2021. Plea of Not Guilty entered by CALDWELL (1) as to Counts 1, 2, 4, and 9. Plea of Not Guilty entered by CROWL (2) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. Plea of Not Guilty entered by WATKINS (3) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. Plea of Not Guilty entered by S. PARKER (4) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. Plea of Not Guilty entered by B. PARKER (5) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by YOUNG (6) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 10. Plea of Not Guilty entered by STEELE (7) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by K. MEGGS (8) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11. Plea of Not Guilty entered by C. MEGGS (9) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by MINUTA (11) as to Counts 1, 2, and 4. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JAMES (12) as to Counts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 13. Plea of Not Guilty entered by ISAACS (16) as to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 6/2/2021 through and including 7/1/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Status Conference set for 7/2/2021 at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will circulate connection information to counsel. Members of the public or media may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Young (6) remains on PR/HISP, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP, K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) placed on PR/HISP. Court Reporter: Lisa Bankins. Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Desiree Wilson and Robert Foley (6), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Mary Anderson (9), Nina Ginsburg and Jeffrey Zimmerman (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Gene Rossi, Charles Greene, and Natalie Napierala (16). US Attorneys: Kathryn Rakoczy. Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (zjd) (Entered: 07/01/2021)
06/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16) granting in part and denying in part the Government's 207 Renewed Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act. For the reasons stated on the record at the status conference held on June 1, 2021, the court will grant a 30-day continuance and exclude such 30 days from the time within which trial must commence under the Speedy Trial Act. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/7/2021. (lcapml) (Entered: 06/07/2021)
06/16/2021	243	TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on April 6, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-56. Date of Issuance: June 16, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zarembo; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referre need above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter. NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov . Redaction Request due 7/7/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 7/17/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 9/14/2021.(wz) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
06/29/2021	255	Unopposed MOTION Adopt Motion of Co-Defendant Caldwell by KELLY MEGGS. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Wilson, David) (Entered: 06/29/2021)
07/02/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16) held via videoconference on 7/2/2021. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 7/3/2021 through and including 9/8/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial as to defendants Caldwell (1), Crowl (2), Watkins (3), S. Parker (4), B. Parker (5), Steele (7), K. Meggs (8), C. Meggs (9), Harrelson (10), Minuta (11), James (12), Walden (13), Dolan (15), and Issacs (16). Status Conference set for 8/10/2021 at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom 10 - In Person before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Jury Trials set for 1/31/2021 at 10:00 AM and 4/4/2021 at 10:00 AM before Judge Amit P. Mehta. Members of the public or media may access hearings via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Bond Status of Defendants: Caldwell (1) remains on PR/HISP, Crowl (2) remains on PR/HISP, Watkins (3) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance, B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP, K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP. Court Reporter: William Zarembo; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Mary Anderson (9), Nina Ginsburg, Jeffrey Zimmerman, and John Pierce (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina (13), Libbey Van Pelt and Michael Van Der Veen (15), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16) US Attorney: Kathryn Rakoczy. (zjd) Modified to clarify speedy trial excludable on 7/2/2021 (zjd). (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/06/2021	280	ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), GRAYDON YOUNG (6), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRELSON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) granting the United States' 73 Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act. Please see the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/6/2021. (lcapml) (Entered: 07/06/2021)

		<p>ORDER by THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRLESON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), and WILLIAM ISAACS (16). The parties shall appear for a hearing on the Rule 12 motions at ECF Nos. 240, 269, 270, 273, and 278 on September 8, 2021, at 2 p.m. Defense counsel who drafted those motions must appear in person in Courtroom 10 unless they request leave of court to appear remotely. Any counsel or Defendants who wish to appear remotely may do so without leave of court but must notify the courtroom deputy of their intention to appear remotely by September 3, 2021. The courtroom deputy will coordinate videoconferencing access for the parties. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. The public access line will be muted. The court grants the motion for an extension of time to file Rule 12 motions as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5), LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRLESON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), and JOSHUA A. JAMES (12). All additional Rule 12 motions shall be filed on or before September 2, 2021; the government shall respond to such Rule 12 motions on or before September 30, 2021; any replies to such Rule 12 motions shall be filed on or before October 14, 2021. The first trial in this matter shall begin on January 31, 2022. All detained Defendants will be tried in the first trial. The second trial shall begin on April 19, 2022. All counsel should note that the court has changed the start of the second trial from April 4, 2022, to April 19, 2022, due to the court's schedule. All counsel, except for counsel for detained Defendants, shall reserve April 19, 2022, to May 17, 2022, for trial. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/6/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/06/2021)</p>
07/08/2021	298	NOTICE of Adoption fo Co-Defendants' Motions by KELLY MEGGS (Wilson, David) (Entered: 07/08/2021)

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