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District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
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Case title: USA v. MEREDITH, JR

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Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson

Defendant (1)

CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR

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Pending Counts

18:875(c); INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS - THREATS; Interstate
Communication of Threats
(1)

18:875(c); INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS - THREATS; Interstate
Communication of Threats
(1s)

7 DC Code 2502.01(a); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Possession of
Unregistered Firearms
(2)

7 D.C.C. 2502.01(a); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Possession of Unregistered
Firearms
(2s)

7 DC Code 2506.01(a)(3); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Possession of
Unregistered Ammunition
(3)

7 D.C.C. 2506.01(a)(3); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Possession of
Unregistered Ammunition
(3s)

7 DC Code 2506.01(b); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Possession of Large
Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices
(4)

7 D.C.C. 2506.01(b); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Possession of Large
Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices
(4s)

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

COMPLAINT in Violation of 18:875(c); 7 D.C. Code 2502.01(a) and 7 D.C. Code
2506.01(a)

Disposition

Plaintiff

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01/08/2021	1	SEALED COMPLAINT as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1). (Attachments: # 1 Statement of Facts) (zstd) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/08/2021)
01/08/2021		Arrest of CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/11/2021)
01/08/2021	3	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 1/8/2021 as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/11/2021)
01/08/2021		MINUTE ORDER As required by Rule 5(f), the United States is ordered to produce all exculpatory evidence to the defendant pursuant to Brady v. Maryland and its progeny. Not doing so in a timely manner may result in sanctions, including exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instructions, dismissal of charges and contempt proceedings. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/8/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/11/2021)
01/08/2021		ORAL MOTION for Temporary Detention by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/11/2021)
01/08/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: Telephonic Initial Appearance as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) held on 1/8/2021. Oral Motion by the Government for Temporary Detention (3 Day Hold) as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) Heard and Granted. Defense objects to temporary detention of the Defendant. Detention Hearing set for 1/13/2021 at 01:30 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Committed/Commitment Issued; Court Reporter: Nancy Meyer Defense Attorney: Ubong Akpan; US Attorney: Kelly Smith; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/11/2021)
01/08/2021		Case unsealed as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (zltpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/12/2021)
01/13/2021	4	MEMORANDUM in Support of Pretrial Detention by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (Baset, Ahmed) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/13/2021)
01/13/2021	5	MOTION for Release from Custody by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Akpan, Ubong) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/13/2021)
01/13/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Status Hearing as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) held on 1/13/2021. Matter was set for a Detention Hearing but was not held. Detention Hearing continued to 1/14/2021 at 02:45 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Remains Committed; Court Reporter: Jan Dickman; Defense Attorney: Ubong Akpan; US Attorney: Ahmed Baset, Donald Mockenhaupt, and George Krache; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/13/2021)
01/13/2021	7	MEMORANDUM in Support of Pretrial Detention by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (Baset, Ahmed) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/13/2021)
01/14/2021		ORAL MOTION to Commit Defendant to Custody of Attorney General by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/14/2021)
01/14/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Detention Hearing as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) held on 1/14/2021; 5 Motion for Release from Custody by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) Heard and Denied. Oral Motion to Commit Defendant to Custody of Attorney General by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) Heard and Granted. Preliminary Hearing set for 1/28/2021 at 03:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Committed/Commitment Issued; Court Reporter: Sara Wick; Defense Attorney: Ubong Akpan; US Attorney: Ahmed Baset and Donald Mockenhaupt; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/14/2021)
01/14/2021	8	ORDER FOR ROUTINE PROCESSING as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/14/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/14/2021)
01/18/2021	10	ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL - Defendant Held Without Bond as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/18/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/18/2021)
01/25/2021	11	Consent MOTION to Continue Preliminary Hearing by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Akpan, Ubong) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/25/2021)
01/25/2021	12	ORDER Granting 11 Consent MOTION to Continue Preliminary Hearing by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1). Time between 1/28/2021 and 3/1/2021 (33 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in the interest of justice X-T. Preliminary Hearing continued to 3/1/2021 at 10:00 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/25/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/25/2021)
01/25/2021	13	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL as to USA. Attorney Baset, Ahmed Mukhtadir added. (Baset, Ahmed) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/25/2021)
01/28/2021	14	TRANSCRIPT OF DETENTION HEARING in case as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey held on 01/14/2021. Page Numbers: 1-40. Date of Issuance: 01/28/2021. Court Reporter: Sara Wick, telephone number 202-354-3284. 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, CD 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 2/18/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 2/28/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 4/28/2021.(Wick, Sara) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/28/2021)
01/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Upon review of the Financial Affidavit 9 submitted by Defendant, it is hereby ORDERED that a hearing to determine Defendant's eligibility for Court appointed counsel is scheduled for February 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey. The hearing will be conducted virtually; call-in instructions will be provided to the parties prior to the hearing. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/29/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 01/29/2021)
02/04/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Status Hearing as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) held on 2/4/2021. Court finds that the Defendant is ineligible for court-appointed counsel. Status Hearing (Ascertainment of Counsel) set for 2/22/2021 at 11:30 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Remains Committed; Court Reporter: Sara Wick; Defense Attorney: Ubong Akpan; US Attorney: Ahmed Baset; Pretrial Officer: Dashanta ValentineLewis; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 02/04/2021)
02/11/2021	15	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Paul Yoshio Kiyonaga appearing for CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (Kiyonaga, Paul) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 02/11/2021)
02/17/2021	16	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL as to USA. Attorney Franks, Anthony L. added. Substituting for attorney Ahmed Baset (Franks, Anthony) [1:21-mj-00017-GMH] (Entered: 02/17/2021)
02/22/2021		ORAL MOTION by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 3/1/2021 to 3/22/2021 as to Defendant CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (kk) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
02/22/2021		ORAL MOTION by Defendant CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. to Continue the Preliminary Hearing from 3/1/2021 to 3/22/2021 at 1:00 PM before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi. (kk) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
02/22/2021		Minute Entry for Status Hearing Regarding Ascertainment of Counsel as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. held by video before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/22/2021 : Retained counsel Paul Kiyonaga is now representing the defendant. Oral Motion by the defense to Continue the Preliminary Hearing from 3/1/2021 to 3/22/2021 at 1:00 pm before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi by telephonic/VTC, heard and granted. Oral Motion by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 3/1/2021 to 3/22/2021, with no objection by the defendant, heard and granted in the interest of justice. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant remains committed. Court Reporter: FTR Gold - Ctrm. 7; FTR Time Frame: 11:39:17 - 11:45:50. Defense Attorney: Paul Kiyonaga; U.S. Attorney: Anthony Franks; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. (kk) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
02/26/2021	17	INDICTMENT as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4. (zstd) (Entered: 03/01/2021)

03/15/2021	19	MOTION for Reconsideration re 10 Order of Detention Pending Trial- Defendant HWOB, by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Transcript of Detention Hearing)(Kiyonaga, Paul) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. The government must file its opposition to defendant's motion 19 by March 19, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/15/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. It is ORDERED that Defendant's Arraignment and Hearing on 19 Motion to Revoke Magistrate Judge's Order of Detention Pending Trial and to Set New Conditions of Release is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2021, at 11:00 AM before Judge Amy Berman Jackson and will be held by Video Conference (VTC). In a separate email, the Court's Deputy Clerk will provide counsel with the connection information needed for the proceeding on March 26, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/16/2021. (jth) (Entered: 03/16/2021)
03/16/2021	20	First MOTION to Continue , MOTION to Exclude <i>Time Under the Speedy Trial Act</i> by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Franks, Anthony) (Entered: 03/16/2021)
03/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Any opposition to the government's motion to continue 20 must be submitted by March 23, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/17/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 03/17/2021)
03/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Given that there is already a hearing scheduled in this case for March 26, 2021, the Court will take up the government's speedy trial motion 20 on that date, as well. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/18/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 03/18/2021)
03/19/2021	21	MOTION to Request Unredacted Transcript re 14 Transcript,,,,, by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Franks, Anthony) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
03/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 21 government's motion as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) to obtain unredacted transcript. The court reporter may provide the government with a copy of the unredacted transcript for the detention hearing held on January 14, 2021 14 . SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/19/21. (DMK) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
03/19/2021	22	MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL GOVERNMENTS RESPONSE re 19 MOTION for Reconsideration re 10 Order of Detention Pending Trial- Defendant HWOB, by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Franks, Anthony) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
03/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Motion to File Under Seal 22 is GRANTED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/22/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 03/22/2021)
03/23/2021	25	RESPONSE by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR re 20 First MOTION to Continue MOTION to Exclude <i>Time Under the Speedy Trial Act</i> (Kiyonaga, Paul) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
03/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER. On March 26, 2021, the Court held a hearing on defendant's motion to revoke the order of detention 19 . The hearing was conducted under seal given the parties' stated intention to refer to and rely upon personal information related to the defendant. But the Court endeavored to organize the hearing in a manner that would facilitate unsealing as much of it as possible, and it will release the transcript of the first portion of the hearing that dealt with purely legal arguments immediately. It will determine whether any other portions can be released in consultation with the parties. Additionally, any supplemental submissions regarding the motion 19 must be submitted by April 5, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/26/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 03/26/2021)
03/29/2021	27	ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Pursuant to the Due Process Protections Act, the Court ORDERS that all government counsel who have entered their appearances in this case or who do so in the future must review and comply with their disclosure obligations under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its progeny, as set forth in Local Criminal Rule 5.1. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/29/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
04/02/2021	28	SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (1) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s. (bb) (Main Document 28 replaced on 4/8/2021) (zltpt). (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/05/2021	31	MOTION to File Under Seal Government's Supplemental Response to Defense Motion to Revoke Magistrate Judge's Order of Detention Pending Trial and to Set New Conditions of Release by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Franks, Anthony) (Entered: 04/05/2021)
04/06/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. The parties' motions to file under seal, 30 and 31 , are GRANTED. The Clerk is directed to file [30-1] UNDER SEAL. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/6/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 04/06/2021)
04/08/2021	33	NOTICE to the Court of Updating Docket Entry Noting Filing of Superseding Indictment by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR re 28 Indictment (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1)(Franks, Anthony) (Entered: 04/08/2021)
04/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. The transcript of the proceedings held on March 26, 2021 shall be unsealed with the following redactions. The first 17 lines of page 38 will be unsealed along with the pages that precede it, and given the parties' consent, the portion of the transcript beginning on page 56 line 22, and continuing until the end will be unsealed as well, but with the following redactions: Page 58, line 18 (beginning with "The...") through page 59, line 3 (ending with "... that's been missing."); Page 60, line 16 (beginning with "in terms of...") through line 17 (ending with "... substances"); Page 61, line 9 (beginning with "And he is willing...") through line 18 (ending with "... to do it."); Page 62, line 8 (beginning with "And I know that...") through line 16 (ending with "... my very best."); Page 64, line 23 (beginning with "or he wasn't supposed...") through line 24 (ending with "... an appointment"); Page 65, line 4 (beginning with "But it would be...") through line 5 (ending with "... he needs."). SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/20/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 04/20/2021)
04/20/2021	34	Unopposed MOTION for Disclosure of Items Protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and Sealed Materials by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Franks, Anthony) (Entered: 04/20/2021)
04/21/2021	36	MOTION for Unredacted Transcript by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Kiyonaga, Paul) (Entered: 04/21/2021)
04/21/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. The government's motion for an order 34 is GRANTED. The government may provide in discovery both sealed materials, pursuant to the previously entered protective order, and materials protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e). The Court will address the applicability to any co-defendants if and when they are joined. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/21/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 04/21/2021)
04/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Defendant's Motion for Unredacted Transcript 36 is GRANTED. Defendant may receive a copy of the unredacted transcript. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/22/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 04/22/2021)
05/20/2021	38	ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Defendant's Motion to Revoke Magistrate Judge's Order of Detention Pending Trial and to Set New Conditions of Release 19 is DENIED. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/20/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 05/20/2021)
05/25/2021	40	NOTICE of no objections to proposed redactions by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (Kiyonaga, Paul) (Entered: 05/25/2021)
05/26/2021	41	MEMORANDUM OPINION as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (public redacted version). Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/26/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 05/26/2021)
05/26/2021	42	NOTICE to the Court Regarding Proposed Redactions to the Pending Order and Memorandum of Opinion on Defendant's Motion to Revoke Magistrate Judge's Order of Detention Pending Trial and to Set New Conditions of Release by USA as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR (Franks, Anthony) (Entered: 05/26/2021)
07/19/2021	43	Joint MOTION for Hearing by CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. (Kiyonaga, Paul) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to CLEVELAND GROVER MEREDITH, JR. Upon consideration of the 43 Joint Motion for Status Hearing and to Exclude Specified Time Until Hearing Under Speedy Trial Act, it is ORDERED that the 43 Motion is GRANTED. A Video (VTC) Status Conference is set for 8/11/2021 at 10:00 AM (Eastern time Zone) before Judge Amy Berman Jackson. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Court finds it is in the Interests of Justice that the time between 7/19/2021 and 8/11/2021 shall be excluded from the Speedy Trial Act calculation (START XT). Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/20/2021. (jth) (Entered: 07/20/2021)

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