**U.S. District Court**
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**
**CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00085-CRC-2**

Case title: USA v. STRAND et al

Date Filed: 02/05/2021

Magistrate judge case number: 1:21-mj-00051-GMH

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Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper

**Defendant (2)**

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| **Pending Counts** | **Disposition** |
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| 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<br>(1) | |
| 18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds<br>(2) | |
| 18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(2); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds<br>(3) | |
| 40 U.S.C. 5104(e)(2)(D); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building<br>(4) | |
| 40 U.S.C. 5104(e)(2)(G); FEDERAL STATUTES, OTHER; Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building<br>(5) | |

**Highest Offense Level (Opening)**

Felony

| **Terminated Counts** | **Disposition** |
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| None | |

**Highest Offense Level (Terminated)**

None

| **Complaints** | **Disposition** |
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| COMPLAINT in Violation of 18:1752(a) and 40:5104(e)(2) | |

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text |
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| 01/13/2021 | 1 | SEALED COMPLAINT as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1), SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2). (Attachments: # 1Redacted Affidavit in Support) (zstd) [1:21-mj-00051-GMH] (Entered: 01/14/2021) |
| 01/13/2021 | 3 | MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND, SIMONE MELISSA GOLD. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(zstd) [1:21-mj-00051-GMH] (Entered: 01/14/2021) |
| 01/13/2021 | 4 | ORDER granting 3 Motion to Seal Case as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1), SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2). Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/13/2021. (zstd) [1:21-mj-00051-GMH] (Entered: 01/14/2021) |
| 01/18/2021 | | Case unsealed as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND, SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (bb) [1:21-mj-00051-GMH] (Entered: 01/21/2021) |
| 01/18/2021 | | Arrest of JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) in Central District of California. (zpt) (Entered: 02/16/2021) |
| 01/18/2021 | | Arrest of SIMONE MELISSA GOLD in US District Court Central District of California. (bb) (Entered: 03/25/2021) |
| 01/22/2021 | 22 | Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to SIMONE MELISSA GOLD from US District Court Central District of California Case Number 21mj271 (bb) (Entered: 03/25/2021) |
| 01/25/2021 | | MINUTE ORDER as to Defendant SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) : It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant appear for an initial appearance on January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will be conducted by video teleconference; call-in instructions will be provided to counsel prior to the hearing. Counsel for the United States is directed to ensure that counsel for Defendant has received this Order and will provide the information to Defendant. If Defendant does not have counsel, counsel for the United States is directed to contact the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia and provide their office with the information contained in this Order. If the parties have questions about this Order or the scheduled hearing, please contact the Courtroom Deputy at 202-354-3114; So Ordered by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/25/2021. (kk) [1:21-mj-00051-GMH] (Entered: 01/25/2021) |
| 01/28/2021 | 33 | Arrest Warrant, dated 1/13/2021, Returned Executed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on 1/28/2021 as to SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2). (zpt) (znmw). (Entered: 02/16/2021) |
| 01/28/2021 | | JOINT ORAL MOTION for Speedy Trial Waiver by JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2). (zpt) (Entered: 02/16/2021) |
| 01/28/2021 | | Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) held on 1/28/2021. Oral Motion to Appoint Counsel by JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) Heard and Granted. Joint Oral Motion for Speedy Trial Waiver by JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) Heard and Granted. Time between 1/28/2021 and 3/5/2021 (36 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in the interest of justice X-T as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) Preliminary Hearing set for 3/5/2021 at 01:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants Placed on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Crystal Pilgrim; Defense Attorney: Stephen Brennwald (1), Kira West (2) and Dickson Young (2); US Attorney: Melissa Jackson; Pretrial Officer: Masharia Holman; (zpt) (Entered: 02/16/2021) |
| 01/28/2021 | 17 | ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/28/2021. (Attachments: # 1 Appearance Bond) (zpt) (Entered: 02/16/2021) |
| 01/28/2021 | | MINUTE ORDER as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2). 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 1/28/2021. (zpt) (Entered: 02/16/2021) |
| 01/29/2021 | 11 | NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Dickson J. Young appearing for SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (Young, Dickson) [1:21-mj-00051-GMH] (Entered: 01/29/2021) |
| 01/29/2021 | 12 | NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Kira Anne West appearing for SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (West, Kira) [1:21-mj-00051-GMH] (Entered: 01/29/2021) |
| 02/05/2021 | 13 | INDICTMENT as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (zltp) (Entered: 02/07/2021) |
| 02/19/2021 | | MINUTE ORDER as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2): The parties are to appear for an Arraignment set for 2/25/2021 at 2:00 PM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. The hearing will proceed by videoconferencing for the parties and by telephone for members of the public. Pursuant to Standing Order 20-20 (BAH), the Court will provide public access to the hearing. It is hereby ORDERED that the participants using the public access telephone line shall adhere to the rules set forth in Standing Order 20-20 (BAH), available on the Court's website. Toll Free Number: 888-204-5984; Access Code: 8981531. SO ORDERED by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/19/21. (lsj) (Entered: 02/19/2021) |
| 02/19/2021 | 20 | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL as to USA. Attorney Ayers-Perez, April Holly added. (Ayers-Perez, April) (Entered: 02/19/2021) |
| 02/25/2021 | | Minute Entry for video Arraignment held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) on 2/25/2021. Defendants consent to proceed by video and sworn. Defendants arraigned and formally waives the formal reading of the Indictment and enters a Plea of Not Guilty as to all counts (1-5). Status Conference set for 4/28/2021 at 11:00 AM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. The Court finds it in the interest of justice to toll the speedy trial clock from 2/25/21 through 4/28/21. Bond Status of Defendants: remains on supervised release. Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira. Defense Attorneys: Stephen F. Brennwald (1), Dickson J. Young and Kira Anne West (2); US Attorney: April Ayers-Perez. (lsj) (Entered: 02/25/2021) |
| 03/05/2021 | | MINUTE ORDER: The hearing currently scheduled for March 5, 2021 is hereby VACATED, as the government has formally charged JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) 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 3/5/2021. (ztl) (Entered: 03/06/2021) |
| 03/31/2021 | 24 | TRANSCRIPT OF ARRAIGNMENT in case as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND, SIMONE MELISSA GOLD before Judge Christopher R. Cooper held on Febrary 25, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-14. Date of Issuance:March 31, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber Lisa A. Moreira, RDR, CRR, Telephone number (202) 354-3187, Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the Transcript Order Form<br><br>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courtho use 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.<br><br>**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.<br><br>Redaction Request due 4/21/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 5/1/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/29/2021.(Moreira, Lisa) (Entered: 03/31/2021) |
| 04/27/2021 | 27 | Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to SIMONE MELISSA GOLD. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order, # 2 Supplement)(Ayers-Perez, April) (Entered: 04/27/2021) |
| 04/28/2021 | 28 | NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Kira Anne West appearing for SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (West, Kira) (Entered: 04/28/2021) |
| 04/28/2021 | | Minute Entry for video Status Conference held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2) on 4/28/2021. Further Status Conference set for 7/2/2021 at 2:00 PM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. The Court finds it in the interest of justice to toll the speedy trial clock from 4/28/2021 through 7/2/2021. Bond Status of Defendants: remains on personal recognizance. Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira; Defense Attorneys: Stephen F. Brennwald (1); Dickson J. Young and Kira Anne West (2); US Attorney: April Holly Ayers-Perez. (lsj) (Entered: 04/28/2021) |
| 04/28/2021 | 29 | STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER as to SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2). See full Order for details. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 04/28/2021. (lccrc3) (Entered: 04/28/2021) |
| 06/01/2021 | | MINUTE ORDER as to JOHN HERBERT STRAND (1) and SIMONE MELISSA GOLD (2): The Status Conference set for 7/2/2021 is vacated and reset for 7/15/2021 at 11:00 AM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/1/21. (lsj) (Entered: 06/01/2021) |


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