## U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00028-APM-13

Case title: USA v. CALDWELL et al Date Filed: 01/27/2021

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta

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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. 1512(c)(2), 2; TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, VICTIM OR INFORMANT; Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting

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. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Restricted Building or Grounds

18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Restricted Building or Grounds

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

**Terminated Counts** 

None

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

None

**Complaints** 

**Disposition** 

Disposition

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text	
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) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 6sss, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5)	
		count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 4sss, GRAYDON YOUNG (6) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 6sss, 10sss, LAURA STEELE (7) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, KELLY MEGGS (8) count(s) 1sss, 2sss,	
		3sss, 4sss, 11sss, CONNIE MEGGS (9) count(s) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 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. (zltp) Modified on 5/27/2021 (zjd). (Entered: 05/27/2021)	

06/03/2021	218	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 5/27/2021 as to WILLIAM ISAACS in Orlando, Florida. (zltp) Modified text on 6/7/2021 (zltp). (Entered: 06/04/2021)			
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06/04/2021		Arrest of JONATHAN WALDEN in US District Court for the Middle District of Alabama (Northern Division). (bb) (Entered: 06/07/2021)			
6/04/2021		Case unsealed as to JONATHAN WALDEN (zltp) (Entered: 06/07/2021)			
6/15/2021	241	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Edward B. MacMahon, Jr appearing for JONATHAN WALDEN (MacMahon, Edward) (Entered: 06/15/2021)			
06/16/2021	244	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Thomas J. Spina Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-8534939. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by JONATHAN WALDEN. (Attachments: # 1			
		Supplement, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(MacMahon, Edward) (Entered: 06/16/2021)			
06/16/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to JONATHAN WALDEN (13): Arraignment set for 6/17/2021 at 2:00 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-access code 321-8747. (zjd) (Entered: 06/16/2021)			
06/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER denying 244 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. A motion for leave to appear pro hac vice must be accompanied by a declaration from the attorney who is not a member of the bar of this court attesting to the required facts in Local Criminal Rule 44.1(d). The court will reconsider the motion if an appropriate accompanying declaration is filed. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/17/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/17/2021)			
06/17/2021	245	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Thomas J. Spina Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-8537882. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by JONATHAN WALDEN. (Attachments: # 1 Supplement, # 2 Declaration, # 3 Text of Proposed Order)(MacMahon, Edward) (Entered: 06/17/2021)			
06/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 245 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Attorney Thomas J. Spina is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCrR 44.5(a). Click for Instructions. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/17/2021. (Icapm1) (Entered: 06/17/2021)			
06/21/2021	247	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Thomas J Spina appearing for JONATHAN WALDEN (Spina, Thomas) (Entered: 06/21/2021)			
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. 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, Walden (2) remains in-custody, S. Parker (4) remains on personal recognizance. B. Parker (5) remains on personal recognizance, Steele (7) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (10), Lenifer William Zaremba; 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. (2jd) Modified to clarify speedy trial excludable			
07/06/2021	289	ORDER as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1), DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2), JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3), SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4), BENNIE ALVIN PARKER LAURA STEELE (7), KELLY MEGGS (8), CONNIE MEGGS (9), KENNETH HARRLESON (10), ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDER (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, a 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 Neptember 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) 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 CALDWEI (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 September 30, 2021; any replies to such Rule 12 motions shall be filed on or before October 1. 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, except for counsel for detained Defendants, s reserve April 19, 2022, to May 17, 2022, for trial. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judg			
07/06/2021	290	NOTICE of Joining Motions by JONATHAN WALDEN (MacMahon, Edward) (Entered: 07/06/2021)			
07/29/2021	312	Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVII PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS re 273 MOTION to Change Venue (Nestler, Jeffrey) Modified on 8/19/2021 (2ltp). (Entered: 07/29/2021)			
07/29/2021	313	Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE A: PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS re 270 MOTION for Bill of Particulars, 278 MOTION to Dismiss Count Counts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 12 of the Fourth Superseding Indictment, 288 MOTION to Dismiss Count I and II for Failure to State an Offense and for Vagueness, 240 MOTION to Dismiss Case, 269 MOTION to Dismiss Count 8 and 13 (Nestler, Jeffrey) Modified on 8/19/2021 (21tp). (Entered: 07/29/2021)			
08/04/2021	328	FIFTH SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 4sssss, 10sssss, DONOVAN RAY CROWL (2) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 3sssss, 4sssss, 7sssss, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS (3) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 3sssss, 4sssss, 7sssss, SANDRA RUTH PARKER (4) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 7ssss, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 4ssss, LAURA STELE (7) count(s) 1ssss, 2ssss, 3ssss, 4ssss, 7ssss, 14ssss, 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, 3sss, 4sss, 12sss, ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, 3SSS, 4sss, 4ssss, 12sss, 2sss, 4sss, 12sss, 12sss			
08/04/2021	330	MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, LAURA STEELE, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(zitp) Modified on 8/19/2021 (zltp). (Entered 08/10/2021)			
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08/09/2021		Case unsealed 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, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH (zltp) (Entered: 08/10/2021)			
08/10/2021		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), and DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) held via videoconference on 8/10/2021. Plea of Not Guilty entered by LAURA STEELE (7) as to Counts 7 and 14. Plea of Not Guilty entered by JASON DOLAN (16) as to Count 5. Plea of Not Guilty entered by DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) as to Counts 1-4. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 8/11/2021 through and including 9/8/2021 shall be excluded in computing the time for speedy trial as to the new counts for LAURA STEELE (7), JASON DOLAN (16), and DAVID MOERSCHEL (17). 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, Walden (13) appearance waived; remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) appearance waived; remains on personal recognizance, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Isaacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) remains on PR. Court Reporter: William Zaremba; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4 and 5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Stanley Woodward (9), John Pierce (10), Jenifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina and Ed MacMahon (13),			

		Michael Van Der Veen (15), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16), Scott Weinberg (17). US Attorney: Kathryn Rakoczy. (zjd) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/12/2021	MINUTE ORDER granting 340 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Attorney Attilio J. Balbo is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter. Counsel should regist e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCrR 44.5(a). Click for Instructions. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/12/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/12/	
08/18/2021	349	NOTICE REGARDING THE STATUS OF DISCOVERY by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, LAURA STEELE, KELLY MEGGS, CONNIE MEGGS, KENNETH HARRELSON, ROBERTO A. MINUTA, JOSHUA A. JAMES, JONATHAN WALDEN, JOSEPH HACKETT, JASON DOLAN, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Filing in U.S. v. Gieswein) (Rakoczy, Kathryn) Modified on 8/19/2021 (zltp). (Entered: 08/18/2021)

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