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District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00204-BAH-3

Case title: USA v. BLEDSOE et al

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Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell

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Pending Counts

18:1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Entering and
Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds
(2)

18:1752(a)(2); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Disorderly
and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds
(3)

40:5104(e)(2)(D); VIOLENT ENTRY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON
CAPITOL GROUNDS; Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building
(4)

40:5104(e)(2)(G); VIOLENT ENTRY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON
CAPITOL GROUNDS; Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol
Building
(5)

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Misdemeanor

Terminated Counts

None

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

COMPLAINT in Violation of 18:1752(a)(1)& (2), 40:5104(e)(2)(D) & (G).

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/16/2021	3	COMPLAINT as to BLAKE A. REED (1). (Attachments: # 1 Statement of Facts) (zhjs)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 01/18/2021)
01/17/2021		Arrest of BLAKE A. REED. (ztj) [1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] (Entered: 02/10/2021)
01/17/2021	6	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 1/17/2021 as to BLAKE A. REED. (ztj)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 02/10/2021)
01/25/2021	7	Consent MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Paul Joseph Bruno Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-8117765. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by BLAKE A. REED. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit declaration of counsel, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Wicks, Jenifer)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 01/25/2021)
01/25/2021	9	Consent MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Luke Austin Evans Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-8117818. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by BLAKE A. REED. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Wicks, Jenifer)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 01/25/2021)
01/25/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi: Initial Appearance as to BLAKE A. REED held on 1/25/2021. Defendant present by video. Conditions of release imposed in the Middle District of Tennessee (GPS Monitoring). GPS Monitoring device ordered removed. Defendant sworn to conditions of release imposed in the District of Columbia. Speedy Trial Excluded from 1/25/2021 to 2/25/2021 in the Interest of Justice (XT). Preliminary Hearing set for 2/25/2021 at 2:30 PM by Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Remain on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: Nancy Meyer; Defense Attorney: Jenifer Wicks; Luke Evans; Paul Bruno (Pro Hac Vice); US Attorney: Kevin Birney; Pretrial Officer: Masharia Holman. (ztj) [1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] (Entered: 02/10/2021)
01/28/2021	13	ORDER granting 3 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCrR 44.5(a). Click for Instructions as to BLAKE A. REED (1). Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/28/2021. (ztj)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 01/28/2021)
01/28/2021	14	ORDER granting 4 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCrR 44.5(a). Click for Instructions as to BLAKE A. REED (1). Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 1/28/2021. (ztj)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 01/28/2021)
01/28/2021	25	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to BLAKE AUSTIN REED (3) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi on 1/28/2021. # 1 Appearance Bond) (ztj). (Entered: 03/11/2021)
02/08/2021	17	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Jamie Carter appearing for USA. (Carter, Jamie)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 02/08/2021)
02/24/2021	20	Consent MOTION to Convert Hearing , Consent MOTION to Continue <i>Hearing</i> by USA as to BLAKE A. REED. (Carter, Jamie)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 02/24/2021)
02/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER Upon review of the Government's Consent Motion to Convert 11 and the signed form AO 468 wherein Defendant acknowledged his right to a Preliminary Hearing and agreed to waive such rights, it is hereby ORDERED that the Preliminary Hearing scheduled for February 25, 2021 is VACATED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that a status hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on March 23, 2021 before Magistrate Judge Faruqi. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the time between February 25, 2021 and March 23, 2021 shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act. The Court finds that the ends of justice served by the granting of such continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial, as the continuance will provide the parties with additional time to address the voluminous discovery in this matter. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/25/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] (Entered: 02/25/2021)
02/26/2021	21	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Paul Bruno appearing for BLAKE A. REED (Bruno, Paul)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 02/26/2021)
02/26/2021	22	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Luke Evans appearing for BLAKE A. REED (Evans, Luke)[1:21-mj-00089-ZMF] Modified on 3/10/2021 (bb). (Entered: 02/26/2021)
03/10/2021	23	INDICTMENT as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5, BLAKE A. REED (3) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (4) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5. (bb) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
03/11/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. The parties shall take notice that an Arraignment Hearing is scheduled for 3/12/2021, at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. A videoconference link will be provided by the deputy clerk. (ztg) (Entered: 03/11/2021)
03/11/2021	29	STANDING ORDER as to BLAKE AUSTIN REED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 11, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 03/11/2021)
03/12/2021	32	First MOTION to Continue and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Carter, Jamie) Modified event title on 3/23/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, GRANTING the government's 32 Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act given the consent of each of the defendants given at the hearing held March 12, 2021, and EXCLUDING time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next status conference on May 14, 2021 for the reasons outlined at the hearing and provided in the government's motion. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 12, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Arraignment as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1), ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2), BLAKE AUSTIN REED (3), and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (4) held via videoconference on 3/12/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Defendants Matthew Bledsoe, Eric Chase Torrens, Blake Austin Reed, and Jack Jesse Griffith waived the reading of the Indictment and entered a plea of not guilty to all Counts of the Indictment filed on 3/10/2021. A Status Hearing is scheduled for 5/14/2021, at 9:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Oral motion by the government to dismiss Criminal Case 21CR80, USA v. Matthew Bledsoe, granted. The government will file a motion to dismiss a related case against Eric Chase Torrens, (21cr135), before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Orders Setting Conditions of Release entered for Defendant Matthew Bledsoe and Eric Chase Torrens. Oral motion by counsel for Defendant Torrens to modify the boundary release condition to "the State of Tennessee," granted. Matthew Bledsoe's Motion to Modify Conditions of Release, filed in Case 21cr80 under ECF 11 , granted without objection. Defendant Matthew Bledsoe shall be allowed to make the work related trips to Nashville, Tennessee on March 20, 2021, and to Tampa, Florida from April 1 to April 4, 2021; SO ORDERED by the Court. The Defendants agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until the next status hearing date of 5/14/2021. The Court found that for the reasons stated in open court, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 3/12/2021 through 5/14/2021, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial. Bond Status of Defendants #1, #2, #3, and #4: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorneys: #1 Jerry R. Smith; #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky; #3 Paul Bruno; #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) Modified to correct Case Number on 4/6/2021 (ztg). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	35	MOTION to Exclude Time Under Speedy Trial Act by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (See Docket Entry 32 to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
05/06/2021	38	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Mitra Jafary-Hariri appearing for USA. (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/06/2021)
05/10/2021	39	Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order <i>Governing Discovery</i> by USA as to BLAKE AUSTIN REED. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 39 Motion for Protective Order as to BLAKE AUSTIN REED (3). Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 5/10/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/10/2021	41	PROTECTIVE ORDER as to BLAKE AUSTIN REED. See Protective Order for further details. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 10, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/12/2021	45	Unopposed MOTION for Disclosure <i>re: Sealed Materials</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, GRANTING the government's 45 Unopposed Motion for an Order to Disclose Items Protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and Sealed Materials and AUTHORIZING the government, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(E)(i), to provide to defendants, and any co-defendants who may later be joined, materials protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e), insofar as such disclosure is necessary for the government to comply with its discovery and disclosure obligations. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 12, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/14/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to Defendant #1 MATTHEW BLEDSOE, #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS, #3 BLAKE AUSTIN REED, #4 JACK JESSE GRIFFITH held via videoconference on 5/14/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 7/16/2021, at 10:30 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. The defendants agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until the next status hearing of 7/16/2021. The Court found that for the reasons stated on the record, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 5/14/2021 through 7/16/2021, 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 allow the government to complete discovery and the defendants to review the discovery and discuss resolution of this matter short of trial. Bond Status of Defendants: Personal recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorneys: #1 Jerry R. Smith; #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky; #3 Luke Evans and Paul Bruno; #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
07/12/2021	53	STATUS REPORT <i>Relating to Discovery</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 07/12/2021)

07/16/2021	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to Defendant #1 MATTHEW BLEDSOE, #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS, #3 BLAKE AUSTIN REED, #4 JACK JESSE GRIFFITH held via videoconference on 7/16/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 9/24/2021, at 10:15 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Defendant Mathew Bledsoe's 52 Motion to Modify Conditions of Release, heard and denied; the original conditions of release imposed as to Defendant Mathew Bledsoe shall remain in place. Time excluded under the Speedy Trial Act from 7/16/2021 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 produce discovery and complete discussions about plea offers and to give the defendants time to consider how to proceed in this case. Bond Status of Defendants #1, #2, #3, #4: personal recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: #1 Jerry R. Smith Jr, #2 Edward J. Ungvasky, #3 Luke Evans, #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Mitra Jafary-Hariri; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
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