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02/10/2021	SEALED COMPLAINT as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1). [1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*]	<u>1</u>
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02/10/2021	MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. [1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*]	<u>3</u>
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02/10/2021	ORDER granting 3 Motion to Seal Case as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1). Signed by Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui on 02/10/2021. (zstd) [1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*]	<u>4</u>
02/11/2021	Arrest of Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS in the Eastern District of Michigan. (Text entry; no document attached.)	
02/11/2021	ENTERED IN ERROR AS A DUPLICATE.Arrest of JAMES ALLEN MELS in US District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division. (bb) Modified on 4/2/2021 (znmw). (Text entry; no document attached.)	
02/22/2021	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/22/2021. (zpt)[1:21-mj-00223-ZMF *SEALED*] (Additional attachment(s) added on 4/23/2021: # 1 Appearance Bond)	<u>6</u>
03/03/2021	SEALED INFORMATION as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4.	<u>7</u>
03/03/2021	MOTION to Unseal Case by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS.	<u>9</u>
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03/04/2021	MINUTE ORDER granting 9 Government's Motion to Unseal Case as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. Upon consideration of the government's motion, it is ORDERED that this case be unsealed. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 3/4/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)	
03/04/2021	Case unsealed as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (Text entry; no document attached.)	
03/04/2021	NOTICE OF HEARING as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. The parties shall take notice that an Arraignment Hearing is scheduled for 3/5/2021, at 9:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Video connection details will be provided by the deputy clerk. (Text entry; no document attached.)	
03/04/2021	STANDING ORDER, as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 4, 2021. (lcbah4)	<u>10</u>
03/04/2021	MINUTE ORDER: The hearing currently scheduled for March 4, 2021 is hereby VACATED, as the government has formally charged JAMES ALLEN MELS 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 3/4/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)	
03/05/2021	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Arraignment held on 3/5/2021 via videoconference as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. The Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Plea of not guilty to Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Information filed on 3/3/2021, entered by Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS. A Status Hearing is scheduled for 5/14/2021, at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. The Defendant agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until 5/14/2021. The Court found that time under the Speedy Trial Act should be excluded from 3/5/2021 through 5/14/2021, 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 permit the government to complete discovery and to the defense to review and discuss the discovery provided. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Cara K.	

Halverson; US Attorney: Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck; Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/07/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Adam Alexander appearing for USA.

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03/08/2021

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Cara Kurtz Halverson appearing for JAMES ALLEN MELS

05/14/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held via videoconference on 5/14/2021. The Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 7/9/2021, at 11:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Time excluded by the Court under the Speedy Trial Act from 5/14/2021 through 7/9/2021, 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 give the government time to complete discovery and the defendant to review the discovery and any plea offer extended by the government and decide how to proceed in this matter. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: Kara K. Halverson; US Attorney: Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (Text entry; no document attached.)

07/09/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held via videoconference on 7/9/2021. The Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 9/24/2021, at 9:15 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Time excluded under the Speedy Trial Act from 7/9/2021 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 complete discovery and give the parties time to discuss a disposition of this case short of trial. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: Cara K. Halverson; US Attorney: Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to JAMES ALLEN MELS from US District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division Case Number 21-30071

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02/22/2021

Arrest Warrant, dated 2/10/2021, returned executed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on 2/22/2021 as to Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS. (kk)

02/22/2021

ORAL MOTION by Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS to Appoint Counsel. (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/22/2021

ORAL MOTION by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 2/22/2021 to 3/4/2021 as to Defendant JAMES ALLEN MELS. (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/22/2021

Minute Entry for Initial Appearance as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held by video before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 2/22/2021 : The Court advised the Government of its due process obligations under Rule 5(f). The defendant was amenable to appearing virtually for the hearing. Oral Motion by Defendant to Appoint Counsel, heard and granted. Assistant Federal Public Defender Cara Halverson appointed to represent JAMES ALLEN MELS. Preliminary Hearing set for 3/4/2021 at 1:00 pm by telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui. Oral Motion by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 2/22/2021 to 3/4/2021, with no objection by the defense, heard and granted in the interest of justice. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant placed on Personal Recognizance Bond. Court Reporter: FTR Gold - Ctrm. 7; FTR Time Frame: 1:18:46 - 1:32:48. Defense Attorney: Cara Halverson; U.S. Attorney: Kelly Smith for Adam Alexander; Pretrial Officer: John Copes. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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09/07/2021

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL as to USA. Attorney Stump, Monica Anne added. Substituting for attorney Adam Alexander

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09/16/2021

Unopposed MOTION for Disclosure of Items Protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and Sealed Materials by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS.

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09/16/2021

MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to JAMES ALLEN MELS, GRANTING the government's 19 Unopposed Motion for Disclosure of 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) and the protective order governing discovery in this case, to provide to defendant, 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 September 16, 2021. (lcbah4) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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09/16/2021

Joint MOTION to Continue September 24, 2021 Status Hearing and, MOTION to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS.

[1 Attachment](#) ▼

09/17/2021

MINUTE ORDER granting 20 Joint Motion to Continue September 24, 2021 Status Hearing and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. Upon consideration of the joint motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the Status Hearing currently scheduled for September 24, 2021, shall be CONTINUED to November 19, 2021 at 9:15 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; it is FURTHER ORDERED that the reasons outlined in the joint motion and with the consent of the parties, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from September 24, 2021 through November 19, 2021, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 9/17/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

09/17/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to JAMES ALLEN MELS: Status Hearing RESCHEDULED for 11/19/2021, at 9:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE of Filing Discovery Correspondence by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS

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NOTICE of Filing Discovery Correspondence by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS

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09/28/2021

Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order Governing Discovery by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS.

[1 Attachment](#) ▼

09/28/2021

MINUTE ORDER granting 23 Motion for Protective Order as to JAMES ALLEN MELS (1). Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 9/28/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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PROTECTIVE ORDER as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. See Protective Order for further details. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 28, 2021. (lcbah4)

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09/30/2021

NOTICE of United States' Memorandum Regarding Status of Discovery as of September 14, 2021 by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS

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10/22/2021

NOTICE of United States' Memorandum Regarding Status of Discovery as of October 21, 2021 by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS

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11/04/2021

Joint MOTION to Continue NOVEMBER 19, 2021 STATUS HEARING AND, MOTION to Exclude TIME UNDER THE SPEEDY TRIAL ACT by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS.

[1 Attachment](#) ▼

11/04/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES ALLEN MELS, granting 27 Second Joint Motion to Continue November 19, 2021 Status Hearing and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act. Upon consideration of the joint motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the Status Hearing currently scheduled for November 19, 2021, shall be CONTINUED to January 7,

2022, at 9:30 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; it is FURTHER ORDERED that time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 11/19/2021 through 1/7/2022, for the reasons outlined in the motion, with the consent of the parties, and in the best interests of justice, and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. SO ORDERED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 11/4/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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11/06/2021

NOTICE of United States' Memorandum Regarding Status of Discovery as of November 5, 2021 by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS

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12/23/2021

Joint MOTION to Continue January 7, 2022 Status Hearing and, MOTION to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS.

[1 Attachment](#) ▼

12/23/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to JAMES ALLEN MELS, granting 29 Joint Motion to Continue January 7, 2022 Status Hearing and Motion to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act. Upon consideration of the joint motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the Status Hearing currently scheduled for January 7, 2022, shall be CONTINUED to February 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; it is FURTHER ORDERED that time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 1/7/2022 through 2/25/2022, for the reasons outlined in the motion, with the consent of the parties, and in the best interests of justice, and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. SO ORDERED. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 12/23/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE of United States' Memorandum Regarding Status of Discovery as of February 9, 2022 by USA as to JAMES ALLEN MELS

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Unopposed MOTION to Continue Status Hearing and Toll STA by JAMES ALLEN MELS.

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02/11/2022

MINUTE ORDER granting [32] Unopposed Motion to Continue Status Hearing as to JAMES ALLEN MELS. Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the Status Hearing currently scheduled for February 25, 2022, shall be CONTINUED to April 5, 2022, at 9:30 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; it is FURTHER ORDERED that time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from February 25, 2022 through April 5, 2022, for the reasons outlined in the motion and in the best interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 2/11/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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02/15/2022

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL as to USA. Attorney Kringer, Benjamin Edward added.

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02/11/2022

MOTION to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by JAMES ALLEN MELS. (See DE [32] to view document).

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03/29/2022

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL Attorney Mullin, Elizabeth Ann added.

03/31/2022

MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to JAMES ALLEN MELS, DIRECTING the parties to inform the Court by noon on April 4, 2022, whether the outstanding plea offer made on September 21, 2021 referenced in the defendant's [32] Unopposed Motion to Continue Status Hearing will have expired by April 5, 2022, and if so, providing the Court with three proposed trial dates and a proposed motions schedule, so that a trial and motions schedule may be set at the April 5, 2022 hearing. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 31, 2022. (lcbah4) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/31/2022

Set/Reset Deadlines as to JAMES ALLEN MELS: Response to Order of the Court due by noon on 4/4/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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04/01/2022

NOTICE of Parties' Response to Minute Order by JAMES ALLEN MELS re Order

04/05/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held via videoconference on 4/5/2022; the Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Defendant given judicial warning regarding his non-compliance with his conditions of release - reporting telephonically. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Elizabeth A. Mullin; US Attorney: Benjamin E. Kringer; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (Text entry; no document attached.)

04/04/2022

Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to JAMES ALLEN MELS: Pretrial Motion due by 6/30/2022; oppositions due by 7/20/2022; replies due by 7/27/2022; Joint Pretrial Statement due by 7/27/2022; Pretrial Conference scheduled for 8/19/2022, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 22- In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell; Jury Selection/Jury Trial scheduled for 8/29/2022; at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 22A- In Person before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (Text entry; no document attached.)

04/05/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to JAMES ALLEN MELS held via videoconference on 4/5/2022; the Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Defendant given judicial warning regarding his non-compliance with his conditions of release - reporting telephonically. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present: Defense Attorney: Elizabeth A. Mullin; US Attorney: Benjamin E. Kringer; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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04/27/2022

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Douglas Burton Brasher appearing for USA.