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District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00028-APM-17

Case title: USA v. CALDWELL et al

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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. 1512(c)(2), 2; TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, VICTIM OR
INFORMANT; Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting
(2)
18 U.S.C. 1361, 2; GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR CONTRACTS >;
Destruction of Government Property and Aiding and Abetting
(3)
18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT;
Restricted Building or Grounds
(4)

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

COMPLAINT in Violation of 18:371, 18:1512(c)(2) and 18:1752(a)

Disposition

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/15/2021	240	MOTION to Dismiss Case by THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL. (Fischer, David) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
07/01/2021	270	MOTION for Bill of Particulars by JOSHUA A. JAMES. (Robin, Joan) (Entered: 07/01/2021)
07/01/2021	1	COMPLAINT as to DAVID MOERSCHEL (1). (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit in Support) (bb) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/02/2021	3	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 7/2/2021 in Fort Myers, FL as to DAVID MOERSCHEL. (bb) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/02/2021		Arrest of DAVID MOERSCHEL in Florida. (bb) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/02/2021		Case unsealed as to DAVID MOERSCHEL (zstd) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/04/2021)

07/05/2021	288	MOTION to Dismiss Count I and II for Failure to State an Offense and for Vagueness by DONOVAN RAY CROWL. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Hernandez, Carmen) (Entered: 07/05/2021)
07/08/2021	4	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Jeffrey S. Nestler appearing for USA. (Nestler, Jeffrey) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/08/2021)
07/12/2021	5	ENTERED IN ERROR..... MOTION for Leave to Appear Attorney Attorney: Nabeel Kibria. by DAVID MOERSCHEL. (Kibria, Nabeel) Modified on 7/12/2021 (zstd). [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/12/2021	6	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Nabeel Kibria appearing for DAVID MOERSCHEL (Kibria, Nabeel) (Main Document 6 printed and replaced with PDF copy on 7/12/2021) (zstd). [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/12/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: as to DAVID MOERSCHEL re 5 MOTION for Leave to Appear Attorney Attorney: Nabeel Kibria. was entered in error and counsel refiled said pleading. The correct filing is docket entry 6 . (zstd) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/12/2021		ORAL MOTION for Speedy Trial Waiver by USA as to DAVID MOERSCHEL (1). (zpt) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/12/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey: VTC Initial Appearance/Detention Hearing as to DAVID MOERSCHEL (1) held on 7/12/2021. Government does not seek the Defendant's pretrial detention. Defendant expresses intent to waive right to a preliminary hearing. Oral Motion by the Government for Speedy Trial Waiver as to DAVID MOERSCHEL (1) Heard and Granted. Time between 7/12/2021 and 9/10/2021 (60 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in the interest of justice. Status Hearing set for 9/10/2021 at 01:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant Placed on Personal Recognizance; Court Reporter: FTR Gold FTR Time Frame: CTRM 6 [1:19:26-1:31:40], [1:33:50-1:40:00]; Defense Attorney: Nabeel Kibria; US Attorney: Jacob Steiner for Jeffrey Nestler; Pretrial Officer: Andre Sidbury; (zpt) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to DAVID MOERSCHEL (1). 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 7/12/2021. (zpt) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/12/2021	7	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to DAVID MOERSCHEL (1) Personal Recognizance. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 7/12/2021. (Attachments: # 1 Appearance Bond) (zpt) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/14/2021)
07/15/2021	8	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice SCOTT WEINBERG Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-8600620. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by DAVID MOERSCHEL. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration PRO HAC VICE)(Kibria, Nabeel) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/15/2021)
07/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to Defendant DAVID MOERSCHEL : The Court has reviewed the Motion for Admission of Attorney Scott Weinberg Pro Hac Vice 8 . As the Affidavit in Support of Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice [8-1] fails to address multiple requirements outlined in LCrR 44.1(d), it is hereby ORDERED that the attorney seeking admission pro hac vice file a supplemental declaration. The supplemental declaration shall respond to each of the 6 questions outlined in LCrR 44.1(d); So Ordered by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on July 15, 2021. (kk) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/15/2021)
07/21/2021	9	SUPPLEMENT by DAVID MOERSCHEL re 8 MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice SCOTT WEINBERG Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-8600620. Fee Status: Fee Paid. <i>AMENDED DECLARATION PRO HAC VICE</i> (Kibria, Nabeel) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/21/2021)
07/23/2021		Minute Order: Having reviewed Defendants motion for admission of his attorney Scott Weinberg to appear pro hac vice in this matter, ECF No. 8, and the supplemental declaration, ECF No. 9, the Court grants the motion. It is therefore ordered that Scott Weinberg be admitted to practice before this Court for the limited purpose of appearing in this case as attorney for Defendant David Moerschel. 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 DAVID MOERSCHEL (1). Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 7/23/2021. (ztl) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 07/26/2021)
08/02/2021	10	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Scott Weinberg appearing for DAVID MOERSCHEL (Weinberg, Scott) [1:21-mj-00512-RMM] (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/04/2021	328	FIFTH SUPERSEDED 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) 1sssss, 2sssss, 3sssss, 4sssss, 7sssss, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER (5) count(s) 1sssss, 2sssss, 4sssss, LAURA STEELE (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) 1sss, 2sss, 3sss, 4sss, 12sss, ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 4ss, JOSHUA A. JAMES (12) count(s) 1ss, 2ss, 4ss, 8ss, 9ss, 13ss, JONATHAN WALDEN (13) count(s) 1s, 2s, 4s, JOSEPH HACKETT (14) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, JASON DOLAN (15) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, WILLIAM ISAACS (16) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 6s-7s, DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, BRIAN ULRICH (18) count(s) 1, 2, 4. (zltpt) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
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)(zltpt) Modified on 8/19/2021 (zltpt). (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/04/2021	331	ORDER granting 330 Motion to Seal Case 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), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18). Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriwether on 8/4/2021. (zltpt) Modified on 8/19/2021 (zltpt). (Entered: 08/10/2021)
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 (zltpt) (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, K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) 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, Issacs (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 Wikks (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 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 8/12/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/12/2021)
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 (zltpt). (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/20/2021	355	Notice of Joinder by DAVID MOERSCHEL. (Weinberg, Scott) Modified motion to notice consistent with the Court's preference on 8/20/2021 (zjd). (Entered: 08/20/2021)
09/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Status Hearing currently scheduled for 9/10/2021 before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui is hereby VACATED, as the government has formally charged DAVID MOERSCHEL (17) 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 9/7/2021. (ztl) (Entered: 09/12/2021)
09/08/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to All Defendants. Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom 10 before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy has circulated connection information to the parties that will be appearing remotely. Members of the public or media may access the hearing via teleconference by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Members of the press may view live video of the proceedings in overflow courtroom 14. (zjd) Modified on 9/8/2021 (zjd). (Entered: 09/08/2021)
09/08/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to All Defendants. Courtroom 14 will no longer serve as the overflow courtroom for the Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM. A notice will be filed indicating the new overflow courtroom. (zjd) (Entered: 09/08/2021)
09/08/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to All Defendants. Members of the press may view live video of the Motion Hearing set for 9/8/2021 at 2:00 PM in overflow courtroom 11. (zjd) (Entered: 09/08/2021)
09/08/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Motion Hearing 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), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18). (zjd) (Entered: 09/08/2021)

		ROBERTO A. MINUTA (11), JOSHUA A. JAMES (12), JONATHAN WALDEN (13), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHER (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18) held on 9/8/2021. Government Briefs due by 9/22/2021. Defendant's Briefs due by 10/6/2021. Status Conference set for 9/16/2021 at 11:00 AM before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will circulate 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) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. 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 K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Hackett (14) remains on PR/HISP, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) appearance waived; remains on personal recognizance, Ulrich (18) remains on personal recognizance. Court Reporter: William Zarembo; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Juli Haller and Stanley Woodward (9), Bradford Geyer and John Moseley (10), Jennifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina and Ed MacMahon (13), Angie Halim (14), Michael Van Der Veen & Libbey Van Pelt (15), Gene Rossi (16), Scott Weinberg (17), Attilio Joseph Balbo (18); US Attorneys: Jeffrey Nestler and Kathryn Rakoczy. (zjd) (Entered: 09/09/2021)
09/13/2021	414	TRANSCRIPT OF MOTION HEARING PROCEEDINGS in case 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 MOERSCHER, BRIAN ULRICH before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on September 8, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-128. Date of Issuance: September 13, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zarembo; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. 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, PDF 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 10/4/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 10/14/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 12/12/2021.(wz) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
09/14/2021	415	ORDER 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), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), JASON DOLAN (15), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHER (17), and BRIAN ULRICH (18) denying in part Defendant THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1)'s 240 Motion for Dismissal of Indictment; denying Defendant THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1)'s 273 Motion to Transfer Venue; denying Defendant JOSHUA A. JAMES (12)'s 269 Motion to Dismiss Count 8 and Portions of Count 13 of the Indictment; granting in part and denying in part Defendant JOSHUA A. JAMES (12)'s 270 Motion for Bill of Particulars; and denying in part Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON (10)'s 278 Motion to Dismiss Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, & 12 of the Fourth Superseding Indictment. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/14/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 09/14/2021)
09/15/2021	417	NOTICE OF 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 MOERSCHER, BRIAN ULRICH (Rakoczy, Kathryn) Modified text on 9/15/2021 (zltip). (Entered: 09/15/2021)
09/16/2021		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), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHER (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18) held via videoconference on 9/16/2021. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 9/17/2021 through and including 10/14/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Status Conference set for 10/14/2021 at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will provide counsel with connection information. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. An additional Jury Trial date is set for 7/11/2022 before Judge Amit P. Mehta. 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 K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Hackett (14) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) remains on personal recognizance, Ulrich (18) remains on personal recognizance. Court Reporter: William Zarembo; Defense Attorneys: David Fischer (1), Carmen Hernandez (2), Michelle Peterson (3), John Machado (4), Stephen Brennwald (5), Peter Cooper (7), David Wilson (8), Juli Haller and Stanley Woodward (9), Bradford Geyer and John Moseley (10), Jennifer Wicks (11), Joan Robin and Christopher Leibig (12), Thomas Spina (13), Angie Halim (14), Gene Rossi and Natalie Napierala (16), Scott Weinberg (17), Attilio Joseph Balbo (18); US Attorney: Kathryn Rakoczy. (zjd) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
09/22/2021	436	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Motions by DAVID MOERSCHER. (Weinberg, Scott) (Entered: 09/22/2021)
09/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to DAVID MOERSCHER (17) granting Defendant's 436 Unopposed Motion for Additional Time to File Motions. Defendant DAVID MOERSCHER (17) shall file any pretrial motions on or before November 22, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/22/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 09/22/2021)
09/22/2021	437	SUPPLEMENT 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, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHER, BRIAN ULRICH re 313 Memorandum in Opposition,, (Nestler, Jeffrey) Modified text to remove unassociated defendants on 9/23/2021 (zltip). (Entered: 09/22/2021)
09/28/2021	440	TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS HEARING VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case 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 MOERSCHER, BRIAN ULRICH before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on September 16, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-81. Date of Issuance: September 28, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zarembo; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. 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, PDF 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 10/19/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 10/29/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 12/27/2021.(wz) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
09/30/2021	443	RESPONSE 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, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHER, BRIAN ULRICH re 384 MOTION to Dismiss Count Three, 386 MOTION to Dismiss Count 1-4 of the Fifth Superseding Indictment, 382 Second MOTION to Dismiss Count One and Two and to Produce Grand Jury Minutes (Nestler, Jeffrey) Modified text to remove unassociated defendants on 10/1/2021 (zltip). (Entered: 09/30/2021)
10/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER 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), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHER (17), and BRIAN ULRICH (18) granting Defendant THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL (1)'s 446 Unopposed Motion to Extend Time to File Reply to Government's Supplemental Brief on 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2). Defendants who wish to file a reply to the Government's Supplemental Brief on 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), ECF No. 437, shall do so on or before October 12, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/4/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/14/2021		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), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHER (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18) held via videoconference on 10/14/2021. Oral Order of the Court denying Defendant Harrelson's (10) sealed motion at ECF No. 438. It is further ordered that Defendant James' (12) conditions of release are modified to include the following condition: The defendant shall participate in a program of inpatient or outpatient mental health treatment and counseling. The defendant must follow the rules and regulations of that program. Additionally, it is ordered that the jury trial scheduled for 1/31/2022 is vacated. The first jury trial is scheduled for 4/19/2022. In the interests of justice, and for the reasons stated on the record, the time from 10/15/2021 through and including 12/6/2021 shall be excluded in computing the date for speedy trial in this case. Status Conference set for 12/6/2021 at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Judge Amit P. Mehta. The courtroom deputy will provide counsel with connection information. Members of the public may access the hearing by dialing the court's toll-free public access line: (877) 848-7030, access code 321-8747. Joint Status Report due 10/22/2021. 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 K. Meggs (8) remains in-custody, C. Meggs (9) remains on PR/HISP, Harrelson (10) remains in-custody, Minuta (11) remains on personal recognizance, James (12) remains on PR/HISP, Walden (13) remains on personal recognizance, Hackett (14) remains on PR/HISP, Dolan (15) remains on PR/HISP, Issacs (16) remains on PR/HISP, Moerschel (17) appearance waived; remains on personal recognizance, Ulrich (18) remains on personal recognizance.

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10/18/2021	463	TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM PROCEEDINGS in case 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, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on October 14, 2021; Page Numbers: 1-69. Date of Issuance: October 18, 2021. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354-3249. 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 court house 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, PDF 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 11/8/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/18/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 1/16/2022.(wz) (Entered: 10/18/2021)
10/18/2021	464	MOTION TO DISCLOSE ITEMS PROTECTED BY FEDERAL RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 6(e) AND SEALED MATERIALS 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, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Rakoczy, Kathryn) Modified event type and text to remove unassociated defendants on 10/19/2021 (zltpt). (Entered: 10/18/2021)
10/20/2021	468	ORDER granting 464 Motion for Disclosure 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), JOSEPH HACKETT (14), WILLIAM ISAACS (16), DAVID MOERSCHEL (17), BRIAN ULRICH (18). Please see the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/20/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/20/2021)
10/22/2021	471	STATUS REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF DISCOVERY AND REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO SUPPLEMENT THIS REPORT BY NOVEMBER 5, 2021 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, WILLIAM ISAACS, DAVID MOERSCHEL, BRIAN ULRICH (Rakoczy, Kathryn) Modified text to remove unassociated defendants on 10/25/2021 (zltpt). (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a supplemental Joint Status Report concerning the discovery issues identified by the court by November 5, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/25/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
11/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER rescinding MINUTE ORDER granting 472 Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. When the court granted the motion to withdraw, allowing Mr. Wilson to withdraw as counsel for KELLY MEGGS (8), it did not appreciate that Mr. Meggs's new counsel, Mr. Moseley, also has entered an appearance on behalf of Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON (10). The court will hold a hearing on the motion to withdraw before allowing Mr. Moseley to represent Mr. Meggs. The courtroom deputy will contact the relevant parties and counsel to set a hearing. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/01/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/01/2021)
11/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER denying Defendant KENNETH HARRELSON (10) and KELLY MEGGS's (8) 476 Motion for Enlargement of Page Limit. Whatever motion Defendants intend to file, the court will stop reading it after page 45. See LCvR 47(e). The court will not allow this case to become a forum for bombastic arguments ("SCOTUS Could Not Have Foreseen the Holocaust," see ECF No. 476-2, at 1) or propagating fringe views about COVID-19 or vaccinations ("A Human Experiment Unlike Any Other," "Pseudo-Science Displaces Science," "Mandatory Everything," "C19 Conspiracy Structure," see ECF No. 476-2, at 2). To this court's knowledge, the D.C. Department of Corrections does not require any person held there to accept a COVID-19 vaccine. If that is the intended basis of Defendants' motion, they must file a brief of no more than five pages (excluding exhibits) establishing such a mandatory policy before the court will accept a longer filing. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/01/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/01/2021)
11/05/2021	481	STATUS REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF DISCOVERY AS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2021 by USA as to THOMAS EDWARD CALDWELL, DONOVAN RAY CROWL, JESSICA MARIE WATKINS, SANDRA RUTH PARKER, BENNIE ALVIN PARKER, GRAYDON YOUNG, 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 (Rakoczy, Kathryn) (Entered: 11/05/2021)

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