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JOINT ORAL MOTION by USA and Defendant WILLIAM WRIGHT WATSON to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 5/10/2021 to 7/9/2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)	
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Minute Entry for Initial Appearance as to WILLIAM WRIGHT WATSON held by video before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 5/10/2021 : The Government was advised by the Court of its due process obligations under Rule 5(f). The defendant waives his right to appear in person. Oral Motion by Defendant to Appoint Counsel, heard and granted. Middle District of Alabama Assistant Federal Public Defender Cecilia Vaca appointed to represent WILLIAM WRIGHT WATSON. The defendant waives his preliminary hearing. Status Hearing set for 7/9/2021 at 1:00 PM by	

telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey. Joint Oral Motion by USA and Defendant to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 5/10/2021 to 7/9/2021, 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 Frames: 1:21:57 - 1:38:15 and 1:38:58 - 1:48:17. Defense Attorney: Cecilia Vaca; U.S. Attorney: Jacob Steiner for Jennifer Rozzoni; Pretrial Officer: Andre Sidbury. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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05/12/2021

ORDER Setting Conditions of Release : Defendant WILLIAM WRIGHT WATSON placed on Personal Recognizance Bond signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather, nunc pro tunc to 5/10/2021. (Attachment: # 1 Appearance Bond)

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07/07/2021

Unopposed MOTION to Continue July 9, 2021 Status Conference, Unopposed MOTION for Speedy Trial Exclusion of Time by USA as to WILLIAM WRIGHT WATSON.

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07/08/2021

ORDER Granting 11 Unopposed MOTION to Continue July 9, 2021 Status Conference, Unopposed MOTION for Speedy Trial Exclusion of Time by USA as to WILLIAM WRIGHT WATSON (1). Time between 7/8/2021 and 9/7/2021 (61 Days) shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act in the interest of justice X-T. Status Hearing continued to 9/7/2021 at 01:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 7/8/2021.

08/06/2021

Magistrate case closed for defendant WILLIAM WRIGHT WATSON, pending deadlines, motions, and excludables. Merged Criminal Number 21-513 (RBW). (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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END OF MAGISTRATE CASE #21-mj-97 // BEGINNING OF NEW CASE #21-cr-513 BELOW

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08/06/2021

INDICTMENT as to WILLIAM WATSON (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. (zstd)

09/06/2021

MINUTE ORDER as to Defendant WILLIAM WATSON : The future hearing currently scheduled for September 7, 2021 before Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui is hereby VACATED, as the government has formally charged WILLIAM WATSON 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; So Ordered by Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui on September 6, 2021. (Text entry; no document attached.)

09/22/2021

Set/Reset Hearings as to WILLIAM WATSON: Arraignment set for 10/12/2021 at 11:00 AM by VTC before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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10/07/2021

GENERAL ORDER GOVERNING CRIMINAL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 7, 2021. (lcrbw1)

10/12/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Reggie B. Walton: Arraignment as to WILLIAM WATSON) held on 10/12/2021. A NOT GUILTY plea is entered as to Counts 1-8 of the Indictment. A joint oral request for a 60 day continuance; heard and granted. Speedy Trial Time Excluded (Nunc Pro Tunc) 9/7/2021 - 12/7/2021(XT). Status Conference set for 12/7/2021 at 09:30 AM by Telephonic/VTC before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance/Appeared via video; Court Reporter: Cathryn Jones; Defense Attorney: Cecilia Vaca;US Attorney: Jennifer Rozzoni; (Text entry; no document attached.)

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10/12/2021

ORDER, as to WILLIAM WATSON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 10/12/2021.

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10/15/2021

Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON.

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10/18/2021

PROTECTIVE ORDER setting forth procedures for handling confidential material; allowing designated material to be filed under seal as to WILLIAM WATSON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 10/18/2021.

12/07/2021

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Reggie B. Walton: Status Conference as to WILLIAM WATSON held on 12/7/2021. A joint oral request for a sixty (60) day continuance; heard and granted. Speedy Trial Time Excluded (XT) 12/7/2021 - 2/23/2022. Status Conference set for 2/23/2022 at 10:30 AM by Telephonic/VTC before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance / Appeared via Phone; Court Reporter: Cathryn Jones; Defense Attorney: Cecilia Vaca / Samuel Brooke; US Attorney: Jennifer Rozzoni. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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12/08/2021

ORDER, as to WILLIAM WATSON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 12/7/2021.

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02/18/2022

Unopposed MOTION to Continue February 23, 2022 Status Conference, Unopposed MOTION for Speedy Trial Exclusion of Time by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON.

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02/22/2022

ORDER, granting [22] Motion to Continue as to WILLIAM WATSON (1) Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 2/22/2022.

02/22/2022

Set/Reset Hearings as to WILLIAM WATSON: Status Conference reset for 5/24/2022 at 09:00 AM by Telephonic/VTC before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/08/2022

NOTICE to Court Regarding Speedy Trial by WILLIAM WATSON

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03/10/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 3/10/2022.

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04/28/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON, CONTINUING the Status Hearing currently set for May 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. to that same day at 3:30 PM. The parties shall appear before the Court via teleconference, by calling 1-877-873-8017 and entering the Court's access code (8583213) followed by the pound key (#). SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 4/28/2022.

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05/18/2022

Unopposed MOTION to Continue May 24, 2022 Status Conference, Unopposed MOTION for Speedy Trial Act Tolling by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON.

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05/20/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON granting [28] Unopposed Motion to Continue 5/24/2022 Status Conference. The hearing currently scheduled for 5/24/2022 is continued to 7/25/2022 at 10:00 AM. See attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 5/19/2022. (zcdw)

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06/06/2022

NOTICE to Court Regarding Speedy Trial by WILLIAM WATSON re [29] Order on Motion to Continue

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06/14/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON excluding speedy trial from 5/24/2022 to 7/25/2022.Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 6/13/2022. (zcdw)

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07/22/2022

MOTION to Continue, MOTION to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by WILLIAM WATSON.

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07/25/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held Telephonically before Judge Reggie B. Walton:Status Conference as to WILLIAM WATSON held on 7/25/2022. Parties Updated The Court In Regards To The Current Posture Of This Matter. Interim Status Conference set for 10/20/2022 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 16- In Person before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Jury Selection set for 11/14/2022 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 16- In Person before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Bond Status of Defendant: APPEARED TELEPHONICALLY - REMAINS ON PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE; Court Reporter: CATHRYN JONES; Defense Attorney: CECILIA VACA; US Attorney: JENNIFER ROZZONI; (Text entry; no document attached.)

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07/27/2022

GENERAL ORDER GOVERNING CRIMINAL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE JUDGE REGGIE B. WALTON as to WILLIAM WATSON Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 07/25/22.

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07/27/2022

PRE-TRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON:Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 07/26/22.

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08/11/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON That The Pretrial Conference Scheduled For October 20, 2022 at 10:00AM Is Continued To That Same Day At 10:30AM (See Order For Details)Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 08/11/22.

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09/08/2022

Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Pretrial Materials by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON.

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09/13/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON granting [36] Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Pretrial Materials. (See Order For Details)Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 9/12/22.

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09/20/2022

MOTION to Dismiss Count One Obstruction Charge by WILLIAM WATSON.

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09/21/2022

Unopposed MOTION for Order To Adjourn Pretrial Deadlines by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON.

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09/26/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON granting [39] United States Unopposed Motion To Adjourn Pretrial Deadlines. It Is Further Ordered That The Parties Shall Appear Before The Court For A Motion Hearing set for 10/27/2022 at 10:00 AM Via Videoconference before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (See Order For Details) Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 09/26/22.

09/26/2022

Terminate Deadlines and Hearings as to WILLIAM WATSON: (Text entry; no document attached.)

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10/04/2022

RESPONSE by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON re [38] MOTION to Dismiss Count One Obstruction Charge

10/27/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Reggie B. Walton: Motion Hearing as to WILLIAM WATSON held on 10/27/2022 re [38] Motion to Dismiss Count One Obstruction Charge filed by WILLIAM WATSON. Defendant Consents To This Hearing Being Held Remotely. For Reasons Stated On The Record, The Court Will Deny [38] Motion To Dismiss Count 1. The Parties Request Stipulated Bench Trial. Stipulated Bench Trial set for 11/18/2022 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom 16- In Person before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Parties Are To Submit Paperwork In Regards To The Stipulated Bench Trial By No Later Than 11/16/2022. With Consent OF The Defendant, Speedy Trial Time Is Excluded From 10/27/22 - 11/16/22 In The Interest Of Justice (XT). Bond Status of Defendant: APPEARED VIA VTC (ZOOM) - REMAINS ON PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE; Court Reporter: TAMMY NESTOR; Defense Attorney: CECILIA VACA; US Attorney: JENNIFER ROZZONI; (Text entry; no document attached.)

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10/27/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON denying [38] Motion to Dismiss Count One Obstruction Charge. (See Order For Details) Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 10/27/22.

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11/03/2022

NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Joseph Hutton Marshall appearing for USA.

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11/04/2022

MOTION to Court to Issue Order to the United States Marshal Service to Provide Transportation, Lodging and Per Diem Allowance for Mr. Watson by WILLIAM WATSON.

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11/10/2022

Memorandum in Opposition by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON re [44] Motion for Miscellaneous Relief

11/18/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Reggie B. Walton: Stipulated Bench Trial as to WILLIAM WATSON held on 11/18/2022. The Court finds the defendant guilty as to Counts One and Three of the Indictment. Bond reset as to WILLIAM WATSON; defendant committed. Case referred to the probation office for presentence investigation.

Presentence Report due by 2/16/2023. Sentencing Memoranda due by 3/6/2023. Sentencing set for 3/9/2023 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 16 before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant committed; appeared in person. Court Reporter: Jeff Hook. Defense Attorneys: Cecilia Vaca and Samuel Brooke. US Attorneys: Jennifer Rozzoni and Joseph Marshall. (zcdw) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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STATEMENT OF FACTS FOR STIPULATED TRIAL by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON. (zcdw)

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11/18/2022

AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL RIGHTS by WILLIAM WATSON. (zcdw)

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11/22/2022

ORDER as to WILLIAM WATSON (1). Motion [44] to Court to Issue Order to the United States Marshal Service to Provide Transportation, Lodging and Per Diem Allowance for Mr. Watson is denied as moot. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 11/22/2022. (zcdw)

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by WILLIAM WATSON

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON

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NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Alexander M. Diamond appearing for USA.

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03/07/2023

MOTION for Downward Variance by WILLIAM WATSON.

03/09/2023

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Reggie B. Walton: Sentencing held on 3/9/2023 as to WILLIAM WATSON on Counts 1 and 3. Defendant sentenced to Thirty-Six (36) Months of incarceration with credit for time served on Counts 1 and 3 to run concurrently to each other followed by Three (3) Years of Supervised Release on Counts 1 and 3 to run concurrently to each other. Special Assessment of \$100 for each count, for a total of \$200. Defense counsel may submit additional information for the Court to consider regarding the restitution amount. Government's oral motion to dismiss the remaining counts; heard and granted. Bond Status of Defendant: remains

Committed/Commitment Issued; Court Reporter: Sara Wick; Defense Attorney: Cecilia Vaca; US Attorney: Alexander M. Diamond and Kimberly Paschall; Probation Officer: Hana Field; Defense Witness: Jason Watson. (zalh) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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03/09/2023

EXHIBIT LIST by USA as to WILLIAM WATSON. (zalh)

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03/14/2023

JUDGMENT as to WILLIAM WATSON. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 3/14/2023. (zstd)

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03/14/2023

STATEMENT OF REASONS as to WILLIAM WATSON re 60 Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 3/14/2023. (zstd)

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07/11/2023

TRANSCRIPT OF SENTENCING HEARING in case as to WILLIAM WATSON before Judge Reggie B. Walton held on 03/09/2023. Page Numbers: 1-88. Date of Issuance: 07/11/2023. Court Reporter: Sara Wick, telephone number 202-354-3284. 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, CD 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 8/1/2023. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 8/11/2023. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 10/9/2023.