

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-mj-00550-ZMF-1**

Case title: USA v. BALLENGER et al

Date Filed: 07/30/2021

Assigned to: Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui

**Defendant (1)**

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**Pending Counts**

None

**Disposition**

**Highest Offense Level (Opening)**

None

**Terminated Counts**

None

**Disposition**

**Highest Offense Level (Terminated)**

None

**Complaints**

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

**Disposition**

**Plaintiff**

**USA**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/30/2021	<a href="#">1</a>	SEALED COMPLAINT as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER (1), CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (2). (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Statement of Facts) (bb) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
07/30/2021	<a href="#">3</a>	MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER, CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Text of Proposed Order)(bb) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
07/30/2021	<a href="#">4</a>	ORDER granting <a href="#">3</a> Motion to Seal Case as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER (1), CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (2). Signed by Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui on 7/30/2021. (bb) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/06/2021	<a href="#">5</a>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Steven Levin appearing for CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER, CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (bb) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/09/2021	<a href="#">6</a>	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 8/9/2021 in Baltimore, MD as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER. (bb) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/09/2021		Arrest of CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER in Baltimore, MD. (bb) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/09/2021		Case unsealed as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER, CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (bb) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to Defendants CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER (1) and CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (2) : It is hereby ORDERED that Defendants CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER (1) and CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (2) appear for an initial appearance on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. The hearing will be conducted by video teleconference; call-in instructions will be provided to counsel prior to the hearing. Counsel for the United States is directed to ensure that counsel for Defendants have received this Order and will provide the information to Defendants. If Defendants do not have counsel, counsel for the United States is directed to contact the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia and provide their office with the information contained in this Order. If the parties have questions about this Order or the scheduled hearing, please contact the Courtroom Deputy at 202-354-3083; So Ordered by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 8/10/2021. (kk) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/12/2021		ORAL MOTION by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 8/12/2021 to 10/5/2021 as to Defendants CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER (1) and CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (2). (kk) (Entered: 08/17/2021)
08/12/2021		Minute Entry for Initial Appearance as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER (1) and CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (2) held by video before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 8/12/2021 : The Court advised the Government of its due process obligations under Rule 5(f). The defendants consent to having the same attorney represent them, and agree to appear by video. Preliminary Hearing waived by both defendants. Status Hearing set for both defendants on 10/5/2021 at 1:00 PM by telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey. Oral Motion by USA to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act from 8/12/2021 to 10/5/2021, with no objection by the defendants, heard and granted in the interest of justice. Bond Status of Defendants: Both Defendants placed on Personal Recognizance Bond. Court Reporter: FTR Gold - Ctrm. 7; FTR Time Frames: 1:56:18 - 2:06:27 and 2:13:45 - 2:25:23. Defense Attorney: Steven Levin; U.S. Attorney: Kelly Smith for Jacob Steiner; Pretrial Officer: Shay Holman. (kk) (Entered: 08/17/2021)
08/12/2021	<a href="#">11</a>	ORDER Setting Conditions of Bond : Defendant CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER (1) placed on Personal Recognizance Bond, signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 8/13/2021, nunc pro tunc to 8/12/2021. (Attachment: Appearance Bond) (kk) (Entered: 08/17/2021)
08/16/2021	<a href="#">10</a>	Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER, CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Text of Proposed Order Protective Order)(Steiner, Jacob) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
08/18/2021	<a href="#">13</a>	PROTECTIVE ORDER setting forth procedures for handling confidential material; allowing designated material to be filed under seal as to CYNTHIA CATHERINE BALLENGER(1), CHRISTOPHER JOHN PRICE (2). Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 8/18/2021. (ztl) (Entered: 08/19/2021)

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