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Description

06/01/2022

Arrest of TRUDY CASTLE in Illinois. (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/01/2022

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Arrest Warrant, dated 5/27/2022, Returned Executed on 6/2/2022 as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO. (zstd)

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06/01/2022

Arrest Warrant, dated 5/27/2022, Returned Executed on 6/1/2022 as to TRUDY CASTLE. (zstd)

06/01/2022

Case unsealed as to TRUDY CASTLE (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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06/02/2022

Arrest of KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO in Illinois. (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/02/2022

Case unsealed as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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06/06/2022

Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO from United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago) Case Number 1:22-cr-00288 (zstd)

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06/09/2022

Rule 5(c)(3) Documents Received as to TRUDY CASTLE from United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago) Case Number 1:22-cr-00289 (zstd)

06/14/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to Defendant: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant appear for an initial appearance on 06/16/2022 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 Defendant has received this Order and will provide the information to Defendant. If Defendant does 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 Zia M. Faruqui on [date]. (zcll) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/14/2022

Set/Reset Hearings as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2): First Appearance in the District set for 6/16/2022 at 1:00 PM by Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. (zcll) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/14/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to Defendant: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant appear for an initial appearance on 06/16/2022 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 Defendant has received this Order and will provide the information to Defendant. If Defendant does 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 Zia M. Faruqui on [date]. (zcll) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/14/2022

Set/Reset Hearings as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2): First Appearance in the District set for 6/16/2022 at 1:00 PM by Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. (zcll) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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06/14/2022

MOTION for Disclosure of ITEMS PROTECTED BY FEDERAL RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 6(e) AND SEALED MATERIALS by USA as to TRUDY CASTLE, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO.

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Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to TRUDY CASTLE, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO.

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PROTECTIVE ORDER setting forth procedures for handling confidential material; allowing designated material to be filed under seal as to TRUDY CASTLE, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO. Signed by Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui on 06/15/2022. (zcll)

06/15/2022

MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to TRUDY CASTLE, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO, GRANTING the government's [9] 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) and the previously entered [11] protective order governing discovery in this case, 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 June 15, 2022. (lcbah4) (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/16/2022

ORAL MOTION for Speedy Trial by USA as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO(2). (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/16/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather: VTC First Appearance in the District as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) held on 6/16/2022. Defendants were present by video. Defendants had retained counsel. Conditions of Release were imposed. Oral Motion by the Government for Speedy Trial Waiver as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2); Heard Hearing set for 8/18/2022 at 1:00 PM by Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants placed on personal recognizance bond; Court Reporter: FTR Gold; FTR Time Frame: CTRM 7 [1:47:48-1:57:06] [2:18:40-2:27:08]; Defense Attorney: Michael Gillespie; U.S. Attorney: Frederick Yette for Emily Allen; Pretrial Officer: Da'Shanta' Valentine-Lewis. (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/16/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2):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 Robin M. Meriweather on 6/16/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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06/16/2022

ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) Personal Recognizance Bond. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 6/16/2022.

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06/16/2022

ORAL MOTION for Speedy Trial by USA as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO(2). (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/16/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather: VTC First Appearance in the District as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) held on 6/16/2022. Defendants were present by video. Defendants had retained counsel. Conditions of Release were imposed. Oral Motion by the Government for Speedy Trial Waiver as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2); Heard Hearing set for 8/18/2022 at 1:00 PM by Telephonic/VTC before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendants placed on personal recognizance bond; Court Reporter: FTR Gold; FTR Time Frame: CTRM 7 [1:47:48-1:57:06] [2:18:40-2:27:08]; Defense Attorney: Michael Gillespie; U.S. Attorney: Frederick Yette for Emily Allen; Pretrial Officer: Da'Shanta' Valentine-Lewis. (Text entry; no document attached.)

06/16/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2):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 Robin M. Meriweather on 6/16/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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06/16/2022

ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) Personal Recognizance Bond. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather on 6/16/2022.

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07/28/2022

Magistrate case closed for defendant TRUDY CASTLE and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO, pending deadlines, motions, and excludables. Merged Criminal Number 22-261 (CRC). (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

07/28/2022

Magistrate case closed for defendant TRUDY CASTLE and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO, pending deadlines, motions, and excludables. Merged Criminal Number 22-261 (CRC). (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

07/28/2022

Magistrate case closed for defendant TRUDY CASTLE and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO, pending deadlines, motions, and excludables. Merged Criminal Number 22-261 (CRC). (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

END OF MAGISTRATE CASE #22-mj-121 // BEGINNING OF NEW CASE #22-cr-261 BELOW

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07/28/2022

INFORMATION as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) count(s) 1, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) count(s) 1. (zstd)

07/28/2022

MINUTE ORDER: The hearing currently scheduled for 8/18/2022 before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather is hereby VACATED, as the Defendant has been charged by Information. As such, there are no pending matters necessitating action by a magistrate judge. The parties are directed to contact the assigned District Judge to schedule a status hearing and arraignment, if one has not yet been set. The parties are instructed to address any requests to toll the Speedy Trial Act to the assigned District Judge. Signed by Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey on 7/28/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

08/01/2022

MINUTE ORDER as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2): The parties shall appear for an Arraignment and Plea Agreement Hearing set for 8/10/2022 at 10:00 AM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. Video connection information will be emailed to the parties. SO ORDERED by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/1/2022. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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08/08/2022

MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Michael P. Gillespie Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number DCDC-9426980. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by TRUDY CASTLE, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO.

08/09/2022

MINUTE ORDER granting [19] Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice as to attorney Michael P. Gillespie. 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 Christopher R. Cooper on 8/9/2022. (lccrc1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Michael Gillespie appearing for TRUDY CASTLE

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NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Michael Gillespie appearing for KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO

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Unopposed MOTION to Continue by TRUDY CASTLE, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO.

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Supplemental MOTION to Exclude Time by TRUDY CASTLE, KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO.

08/09/2022

MINUTE ORDER granting [22] Motion to Continue, [23] Motion to Exclude as to TRUDY CASTLE (1), KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). The Arraignment and Plea Agreement Hearing previously set for August 10, 2022 is hereby vacated and reset for August 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM by VTC before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. The Court finds it in the interest of justice to toll the Speedy Trial clock in the interim. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/9/2022. (lccrc1) (Text entry; no document attached.)

08/17/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper: Video Arraignment/Plea Agreement Hearing as to TRUDY CASTLE(1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) held on 8/17/2022. Both TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) were sworn and consented to proceed by Zoom video. A Plea of Guilty to Count 1 entered by TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). The Court accepts the plea and the Defendants' are found Guilty. Presentence investigation report ordered as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). Sentencing Memorandum due by 11/15/2022. Sentencing set for 11/22/2022 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 27A- In Person before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance Bond/app via Zoom video; Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira; Defense Attorney: Michael Gillespie; US Attorney: Emily W. Allen. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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08/17/2022

WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to TRUDY CASTLE (1). Approved by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/17/2022.

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to TRUDY CASTLE (1).

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to TRUDY CASTLE (1).

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WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). Approved by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/17/2022.

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PLEA AGREEMENT as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2).

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2).

08/17/2022

Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper: Video Arraignment/Plea Agreement Hearing as to TRUDY CASTLE(1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) held on 8/17/2022. Both TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2) were sworn and consented to proceed by Zoom video. A Plea of Guilty to Count 1 entered by TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). The Court accepts the plea and the Defendants' are found Guilty. Presentence investigation report ordered as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). Sentencing Memorandum due by 11/15/2022. Sentencing set for 11/22/2022 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 27A- In Person before Judge Christopher R. Cooper. Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance Bond/app via Zoom video; Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira; Defense Attorney: Michael Gillespie; US Attorney: Emily W. Allen. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Nialah S. Ferrer appearing for USA.

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by TRUDY CASTLE

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to TRUDY CASTLE

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SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO

11/22/2022

Minute Entry for Sentencing held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper held on 11/22/2022 as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). It is the judgment of the Court, as to Defendants CASTLE (1) and DIFRANCESCO (2), on Count 1 (sole count), the Defendants are hereby sentenced to a term of 30 months of Probation. The Defendants are further ordered to pay a special assessment of \$10, \$500 in restitution and a \$2,000 fine. Bond Status of Defendants: personal recognizance; Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira; Defense Attorney: Michael Gillespie; US Attorneys: Nialah S. Ferrer and Emily W. Allen; Prob Officer: Aidee Gavito. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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SUPPLEMENT by KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO re [40] Sentencing Memorandum

11/22/2022

Minute Entry for Sentencing held before Judge Christopher R. Cooper held on 11/22/2022 as to TRUDY CASTLE (1) and KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). It is the judgment of the Court, as to Defendants CASTLE (1) and DIFRANCESCO (2), on Count 1 (sole count), the Defendants are hereby sentenced to a term of 30 months of Probation. The Defendants are further ordered to pay a special assessment of \$10, \$500 in restitution and a \$2,000 fine. Bond Status of Defendants: personal recognizance; Court Reporter: Lisa Moreira; Defense Attorney: Michael Gillespie; US Attorneys: Nialah S. Ferrer and Emily W. Allen; Prob Officer: Aidee Gavito. (Text entry; no document attached.)

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11/22/2022

JUDGMENT as to TRUDY CASTLE. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/22/2022. (zstd)

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STATEMENT OF REASONS as to TRUDY CASTLE re 46 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 Christopher R. Cooper on 11/22/2022. (zstd)

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JUDGMENT as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/22/2022. (zstd)

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STATEMENT OF REASONS as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO re 48 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 Christopher R. Cooper on 11/22/2022. (zstd)

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02/07/2023

ORDER granting Probation Petition 50 as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO (2). Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/7/2023. (Attachment: Probation Form 22)

02/10/2023

Probation Jurisdiction Transferred to United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO Transmitted Transfer of Jurisdiction form, with certified copies of indictment, judgment and docket sheet. Ordered by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/7/2023.

[2 Attachments](#) ▼

02/10/2023

Notice to United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan of a Transfer of Jurisdiction as to KIMBERLY DIFRANCESCO. Your case number is: 1:23PT00005. The clerk will transmit any restricted document via email. Using your PACER account, you may retrieve the docket sheet and any text-only entry via the case number link. The following document link(s) is also provided: [16] Information, [53] Transfer Out/Probationer, [48] Judgment. (If you require certified copies of any documents, please send a request to [dcd\\_cmecf\\_cr@dcd.uscourts.gov](mailto:dcd_cmecf_cr@dcd.uscourts.gov). If you wish to designate a different email address for future transfers, send your request to [InterDistrictTransfer\\_TXND@txnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:InterDistrictTransfer_TXND@txnd.uscourts.gov).) (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

02/16/2023

ORDER granting Probation Petition 54 as to TRUDY CASTLE (1). Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/14/2023.

03/20/2023

Probation Jurisdiction Transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois as to TRUDY CASTLE Transmitted Transfer of Jurisdiction form, with certified copies of indictment, judgment and docket sheet. Ordered by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/14/2023.

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03/20/2023

Notice to United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois of a Transfer of Jurisdiction as to TRUDY CASTLE. Your case number is: 1:22-cr-00289. The clerk will transmit any restricted document via email. Using your PACER account, you may retrieve the docket sheet and any text-only entry via the case number link. The following document link(s) is also provided: [16] Information, [57] Transfer Out/Probationer, [46] Judgment. (If you require certified copies of any documents, please send a request to [dcd\\_cmecf\\_cr@dcd.uscourts.gov](mailto:dcd_cmecf_cr@dcd.uscourts.gov). If you wish to designate a different email address for future transfers, send your request to [InterDistrictTransfer\\_TXND@txnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:InterDistrictTransfer_TXND@txnd.uscourts.gov).) (zstd) (Text entry; no document attached.)

03/20/2023

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