

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	:	
	:	<b>Case No. 1:23-cr-321 (JEB)</b>
<b>v.</b>	:	
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<b>JAMES RAY EPPS, SR.,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Defendant.</b>	:	

**MOTION TO APPEAR IN PERSON FOR SENTENCING**

Sentencing in this matter is scheduled for December 20, 2023. Per the defendant’s request, the Court has permitted the parties to appear via Zoom.

As the Court has experienced in this and other cases, however, undersigned counsel for the government’s Zoom connection is unreliable. Despite multiple efforts to fix the issue, it remains a problem. Accordingly, in the interests of accomplishing a smooth sentencing proceeding and ensuring that the Court has the benefit of hearing the government’s full argument, the United States respectfully requests that the Court allow government counsel to appear in person.

The government has no objection to the defendant (and his counsel) appearing by Zoom.

Defense counsel communicated that he does not object to this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the United States' motion seeking to appear in person for sentencing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the motion is GRANTED.

Date:

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**THE HONORABLE JAMES E. BOASBERG**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**