

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) Crim. No. 2023-CMD-4915
) SH: 3 19 24
) Judge Israel
 WALTER TRIPPLETT,)
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 Defendant.)

DEFENSE COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR REMOTELY
AT FIRST STATUS AFTER BENCH WARRANT RETURN
AND RESOLUTION OF VIABILITY ISSUE

COMES NOW the defendant, Walter Tripplett, by counsel, and hereby moves this Honorable Court to permit undersigned counsel to appear remotely. The current date was set by stand-in counsel in C-10, upon resolution of the bench warrant. In support of this Motion, the defendant states as follows:

1. This case was scheduled for a status hearing on March 3, 2024. The defendant did not appear and a bench warrant was issued. Pretrial Services indicated that the defendant "reported losing his phone and [requested] to report in person."¹ PSA Report, 3/1/24. The defendant reported in person to PSA on February 29, 2024.

2. On Friday, the defendant walked-in to Courtroom C-10 to resolve the bench warrant. The bench warrant was quashed and he was released to return on Tuesday.

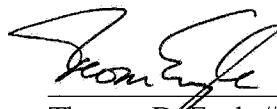
¹Due to his lack of a phone, undersigned counsel has been unable to contact the defendant.

3. While undersigned counsel has another matter on the Court's docket for Tuesday, the Court specifically permitted undersigned counsel to appear remotely in that matter. Undersigned counsel is away on a personal matter through mid- to late-May, depending on how things work out, but is able to appear remotely.²

4. The morning that the bench warrant was issued, undersigned counsel received a *Brady* disclosure via email from AUSA Kirk Gandy indicating that the complainant does not remember the incident, which occurred in July 2023.³ In response to undersigned counsel raising viability, the Court indicated that the issue would be addressed upon resolution of the bench warrant. It seems that the issue is now ripe and will inform the future direction of this case.

WHEREFORE the defendant prays that this Honorable Court permit undersigned counsel to appear remotely on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



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²Undersigned counsel will be in the jurisdiction from April 11th to April 18th.

³The defendant is charged with *inter alia* destruction of property at a liquor store. The complainant is the proprietor of the liquor store.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was delivered via electronic service to the government on this 16 day of March, 2024.



Thomas D. Engle