

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:22-cr-165
)	
HATCHET M. SPEED,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

NOTICE OF FILING OF EXHIBITS FOR INITIAL APPEARANCE

The defendant, Hatchet Speed, is scheduled to appear before the Court this afternoon for an initial appearance on an indictment charging him with three counts of unlawful possession of firearms (specifically, silencers) that are not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of the National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d). The government intends to request that the Court impose the same conditions of release that have been imposed on the defendant in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for charges pending there. In advance of the initial appearance this afternoon, the government submits this pleading to provide the Court with a copy of the conditions of release and a declaration—which was previously filed in the District of Columbia—to support them.

As further background, the defendant is currently facing misdemeanor charges in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. *See United States v. Hatchet Speed*, No. 1:22-CR-244 (D.D.C.). Specifically, on June 21, 2022, the government charged the defendant by complaint with misdemeanor offenses related to his participation in the incursion at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, namely, violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(1) and (2), and 40 U.S.C. §§ 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G). Federal law enforcement agents arrested the defendant on June 22,

2022, in McLean, Virginia. On July 18, 2022, the government charged the defendant by criminal information with the same offenses.

After his arrest, the government did not request detention and the D.C. court released the defendant on a personal recognizance bond. Among other conditions of release, the D.C. court has forbidden the defendant from possessing firearms, destructive devices, or other weapons, and imposed home detention and location monitoring (location monitoring as directed by the pretrial services or supervising officer, and GPS monitoring). *See* Order Setting Conditions of Release, *Speed*, No. 1:22-CR-244 (D.D.C. June 23, 2022) (Dkt. No. 10) (attached as Exhibit B). The D.C. court has allowed limited exceptions to the home detention for the defendant to attend drill and medical appointments.

At the initial appearance this afternoon, the government will request that the Court impose the same conditions of release that have been imposed in the District of Columbia, particularly the conditions forbidding the defendant from possessing firearms, destructive devices, or other weapons, and imposing home detention and location monitoring (location monitoring as directed by the pretrial services or supervising officer, and GPS monitoring). As the government will explain, these conditions are appropriate and necessary to protect the community, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(4), and considering the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, which involves the possession of unlawful firearms, *see id.* § 3142(g)(1). To demonstrate why these conditions are necessary to protect the community, the government will rely on the attached declaration signed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which was filed in the District of Columbia to support the requested conditions in that case.¹

¹ The attached declaration was signed on June 21, 2022, and prepared for filing in the Eastern District of Virginia because the defendant was arrested on the D.C. charges in McLean, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

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Due to the timing of the defendant's arrest, the defendant made his initial appearance in the District of Columbia, so the declaration was filed there.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 7th day of September, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system.

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