

Case Update December 18, 2023

We write to provide you with an update regarding the potential for victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing to remotely access proceedings in the case of *United States v. Abu Agila Mohammed Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi*. On October 13, 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice transmitted to Congress proposed legislation that, if passed, would provide statutory authority for the District Court overseeing the court case to provide victims of the Pan Am 103 bombing remote video and telephonic access to the proceedings. On December 6, 2023, the U.S. Senate passed that bill by unanimous consent with one minor amendment. On December 11, 2023, the same bill, labeled H.R. 6714, was introduced in the House of Representatives and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

We note that Department of Justice personnel are constrained by federal statute in what we say about pending legislation, so we ask for your understanding that we may be limited in our ability to respond to any questions you may have about this proposed legislation. Public information about the House bill can be found online at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6714?s=1&r=3>.

On December 15, 2023, a status hearing was held in the case before the Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich. At the hearing, the court set a trial date for May 12, 2025. In January 2024, the parties will propose a complete pretrial schedule to the court, to include dispositive motions, evidentiary motions, and motions hearings. The next status hearing is set for April 4, 2024, at 2:00 pm., at the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse, 333 Constitution, Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001, in Courtroom 14.