

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

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ARREST  
WARRANT FOR MATERIAL WITNESS  
MELANIE FRANKLIN, A/K/A MARZIEH  
HASHEMI

Misc. No. 1:19-mw-00001 (BAH)

Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Government's Motion to Partially Unseal, ECF No. 9, and the arguments presented by the parties at the hearing on January 18, 2019, with the consent of the parties, and for good cause shown, the motion is **GRANTED**, and it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the following information regarding these proceedings is no longer sealed and may be disclosed publicly:

1. Melanie Franklin, a/k/a Marzieh Hashemi ("FRANKLIN"), was arrested on a material witness warrant issued by a United States District Court Judge in the District of Columbia, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3144, and in compliance with all applicable U.S. Department of Justice policies, *see, e.g.*, 28 C.F.R. § 50 *et seq.*
2. FRANKLIN has been appointed an attorney and has not been accused of any crime.
3. FRANKLIN has now had two court appearances before a United States District Judge, during which FRANKLIN has been represented by counsel.
4. The United States expects that FRANKLIN will be released immediately following the completion of her testimony before a grand jury investigating violations of U.S. criminal law.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Government's Motion to Partially Unseal its Proposed Order be placed under seal until further order of this Court.

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: January 18, 2019

  
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BERYL A. HOWELL  
Chief Judge