

## **December 2, 2025 Status Update**

On December 2, 2025, due to unforeseen circumstances outside of either party's control, the United States filed a motion to continue the Rule 15 Deposition and Motion to Suppress Hearing that was to be held during the week of December 15-19, 2025, in the District of Columbia before the Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich in the case of *United States v. Abu Agela Mohamed Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi* (DC-22-cr-392-DLF). The government's motion was unopposed by the defense pending the availability of their witnesses. More information to confirm the new dates for the Rule 15 hearing and motion to suppress hearing will be forthcoming via a future VNS message. In light of the new circumstances, the parties asked to extend the deadline for filing a joint proposed pretrial schedule until December 8, 2025, which the Court granted.

In addition to agreeing on extending the deadline for submitting their joint proposed schedule, the parties separately agreed to a proposed schedule that would commence with jury selection in the case on August 24, 2026, in anticipation of witness testimony beginning on or about August 31, 2026. The proposed schedule would involve briefing for any deposition specific pretrial motions (before the taking of any Rule 15 depositions) to include two rounds of briefings and arguments to take place during the months of June and July 2026. The Court has not yet set a new trial date, but it is expected that the parties' joint proposed schedule should assist the Court in being able to set that date.

The Court has already scheduled a January 12, 2026, motions hearing for addressing certain fully briefed legal arguments on issues that are currently pending before the Court. Please be on the lookout for another VNS message concerning your ability to listen by audio to those legal arguments planned for that date.

Given that the suppression hearing will no longer take place on December 17, we will instead hold our monthly information session at 11:00 am EST on that day. A separate VNS message with a link to the Webex session will be sent during the week before the information session.