

August 6, 2026 Status Update

Trial Court Denies Defendant's Motion to Suppress his Statement Admitting his Role in the Bombing of Pan Am 103 and the LaBelle Discotheque Bombing

On August 6, 2026, in the case of the United States v. Abu Agila Mohammad Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi (DC22-cr-392-DLF), the Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich, issued a number of pending rulings from the bench, to include denying the defendant's motion to suppress the statement [159] he made to a Libyan law enforcement officer admitting his role in bombing of Pan Am 103 and the La Belle Discotheque bombing. Certain portions of the contents of his statement are now admissible in the United States' case-in-chief, and they can be used as evidence against the defendant to prove the charges against him. Additionally, the Court denied the defendant's Motion to Compel the Government to produce the original of the Defendant's Statement. The United States had been given a Certified Copy of the Statement by Scotland in 2017. The Court ruled that the certified copy was sufficient. The defense also sought to have the statement excluded as an alleged discovery violation under Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The Court rejected that argument from the defense and denied another defense discovery motion as well, finding there was no bad faith by the United States in turning over the copies that the United States had in its possession (through its law enforcement witness) when it obtained them.

The Court also issued other evidentiary rulings concerning the admissibility of certain hearsay relating to co-conspirator statements contained in defendant's statement as to the La Belle Discotheque Bombing and the Pan Am 103 bombing. The Court's next hearing in this case will take place on August 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 24.