

## **February 15, 2023 Status Update – Arraignment and Detention Hearing**

We write to provide you with an update on our efforts to prosecute Abu Agila Mohammad Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi for his alleged role in the attack on your loved ones in the bombing of Pan Am 103.

- The Arraignment Hearing was held on February 8, 2023. The defendant was formally notified of his charges, and the defendant entered a plea of not guilty at this hearing.
- The Detention Hearing that was scheduled for February 23, 2023 at 2:00 pm (ET) has been vacated and no further date has been set regarding the defendant's release conditions. The defendant remains detained.
- The first Status Hearing in front of Judge Dabney L. Friedrich is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm (ET), in courtroom 14 at the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse, 333 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001. The purpose of that hearing is to let the court know the progress of the case and set future court dates.

Please note that the government requested a dial-in telephone line be established that would allow the victims to listen to the live court proceedings in front of Judge Friedrich. However, the Court denied that request, finding that "no statute or caselaw...authorizes such an accommodation, which is, to the Court's knowledge, unprecedented." Therefore, please note that there will not be a dial-on telephone line for the victims or the public at future proceedings.

We will continue to provide updates through the Victim Notification System (VNS) with updated scheduling and event information as the case proceeds through the criminal justice system.

You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS website <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov> or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). You may also view current information at the case website: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/attack-pan-am-flight-103>.

In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program.