

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

CRIMINAL NO. 13-20600

v.

HON. PAUL D. BORMAN

DR. FARID FATA,

Defendant.

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**ORDER ESTABLISHING PLAN FOR SENTENCING HEARING**

The sentencing hearing will begin on Monday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m. In light of the public interest in this case, the Court is creating a seating plan for Courtroom 737. There will also be victim and public seating in overflow courtrooms with live feed transmission: Room 115 and Courtroom 712.

**A. Overview**

1. Location: Judge Paul D. Borman's Courtroom is on the Seventh Floor (Courtroom 737) in the U.S. Theodore Levin Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette in Detroit.
2. Schedule: Sentencing proceedings will begin on Monday, July 6, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., and continue every day thereafter from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. until the sentence is imposed.

3. Updates: Any changes to the sentencing schedule will be posted on the following websites:

- a. The Court's website: [www.mied.uscourts.gov](http://www.mied.uscourts.gov)
- b. The U.S. Attorney's Office website:  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao-edmi/pr/us-v-farid-fata-court-docket-13-cr-20600>

**B. Seating:**

1. The four seats of the first bench behind the government's table are reserved for government agents. The other four seats are for credentialed media. Media members requesting seats must contact Rod Hansen, the Media Officer for the Court, at (313) 234-5421 or at Rod\_Hansen@mied.uscourts.gov. The four media representatives will be selected by random lottery. No media outlet will be permitted more than one representative.
2. The remaining five rows behind the government's table are reserved as follows; 4 rows: government witnesses, victims/former patients of Dr. Fata. The last row is for the general public.
3. Former patients or family members of a deceased former patient who wish to attend the sentencing, please contact Sandy Palazzolo, the Victim Witness Coordinator for the United States Attorney's Office **by Tuesday, June 30, 2015**, by phone at (313) 226-9633 or by e-mail at

sandy.palazzolo@usdoj.gov and advise her of the desired dates of attendance and the number of seats requested.

- a. The available seats in Courtroom 737 for each day of the proceedings will be determined by a lottery system prior to July 6. Former patients and their family members will be notified prior to July 6 if they have been randomly selected to sit in Courtroom 737 and on which date(s).
  - b. If you are randomly selected to sit in Courtroom 737, one seat will be reserved for you and one seat will be reserved for one guest to accompany you.
  - c. Seats will also be available via live-feed in overflow Room 115 each day for those not randomly selected to sit in Courtroom 737.
4. The first bench behind the defense table is reserved for the U.S. Marshal Service. The second and third benches behind the defense table are reserved for the Defendant's witnesses, family, and friends.

5. The fourth bench behind the defense table is reserved for Court designees.
6. Three seats in the jury box furthest from the Court's bench will be reserved for sketch artists commissioned by the media. Artists requesting a seat should contact Media Officer Rod Hansen.
7. The Court's live-feed media room, located on the second floor of the Courthouse, Room 214, will be available for credentialed media. All media representatives are to check in each day at 8:00 a.m. with Rod Hansen, Room 840, for media credentials. He can be reached at (313) 234-5421.
8. A Court Security Officer will be present in the overflow courtroom(s) and the media room at all times when the Court is in session to ensure compliance with this Court's orders.

**C. Transcripts:**

1. Persons interested in obtaining transcripts of the sentencing should contact the Court Reporter, Leann Lizza, at [Leann\\_Lizza@mied.uscourts.gov](mailto:Leann_Lizza@mied.uscourts.gov)

## **COURT ORDERS**

### **1. Electronic Devices**

Properly credentialed media will be permitted to have laptops in the media room, but not to transmit real-time transcripts.

No one can bring into the Courthouse any cameras, electronic recording, or communication devices of any kind. No member of the public or the media may record or transmit, or attempt to record or transmit, any court proceedings in any manner.

*See Eastern District of Michigan Local Rules 83.31(c), (e), and (f).*

### **2. Courtroom Decorum**

Courtroom 737 will be open fifteen (15) minutes before each court session. All media personnel and spectators with reserved seats should be seated five (5) minutes before each session and remain seated throughout the proceedings until a court recess. Counsel and an assistant may exit and re-enter the Courtroom during proceedings.

### **3. Court Authorized Media ID Badges**

Media representatives covering the trial from inside the Courthouse must obtain a court media ID badge and publicly display their ID throughout the sentencing. On entering the Courthouse, media representatives must be screened as

is required of all public visitors.

Media representatives must register for a court authorized ID badge by completing the form available on the Court's internet site, [www.mied.uscourts.gov](http://www.mied.uscourts.gov) and follow the directions on the website for obtaining proper credentials from the Court's Media Officer, Rod Hansen.

The badges may not be duplicated or shared. When the sentencing concludes, media badges must be returned to Rod Hansen.

#### **4. Restrictions on Interviews and Outside Media Area**

To assist with overall security and general public access to the Courthouse, the Court has designated the usual outside area for media use throughout the sentencing proceedings: the north side of Lafayette, across from the Courthouse. This is the only area where interviews, still pictures, and film coverage can be conducted.

At no time should public access to the Courthouse be restricted by media covering events.

No member of the media shall attempt to secure an interview or conduct an interview in the Courthouse or in any area which prevents ingress to and egress from the Courthouse.

At no time may any attorney or party otherwise affiliated with this case hold

a press conference in the Courthouse, on the front or rear steps of the Courthouse, or at any point of ingress or egress from the Courthouse.

Parking of the media's equipment trucks must conform to all city laws and court security measures.

The United States Marshal and his Deputies are responsible for maintaining order and decorum in the courtrooms and the Courthouse. All orders given by the Marshal or his deputies are deemed orders of this Court and must be complied with immediately. Failure by any person to do so will subject him/her to sanctions by the Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Paul D. Borman  
PAUL D. BORMAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: June 25, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served upon each attorney or party of record herein by electronic means or first class U.S. mail on June 25, 2015.

s/Deborah Tofil  
Case Manager