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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JARED DALLAN BUCKLEY,

Defendant.

**UNITED STATES' POSITION
REGARDING DETENTION**

Case No. 2:25-mj-00428 DBP

Judge Dustin B. Pead

☐ The United States is not seeking detention.

☐ However, based on the defendant's record and history, release on personal recognizance pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(b) will not reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and will endanger the safety of the community. Therefore, the United States requests a hearing on pretrial release conditions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(c).

☐ Detention is not at issue because this is an immigration reentry case where the defendant has opted to participate in the fast-track program, which includes agreeing to detention for the pendency of this case.

☒ The United States moves for detention based on current information. The United States' positions in this preliminary pleading could change after reviewing the Pretrial Report or learning of additional evidence. The United States reserves the right to assert positions even if the boxes next to those positions are not checked below, raise additional arguments, and file additional pleadings in support of detention. The United States' motion for detention is:

- ☒ Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) because defendant is charged with:
- ☐ (A) a crime of violence (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4)), a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1591 (sex trafficking of children), or an offense under § 2332b(g)(5)(B) (specific enumerated crimes) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed; **or**
 - ☐ (B) an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death; **or**
 - ☐ (C) an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801-904), the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 951-971), or Chapter 705 of Title 46, U.S.C. (46 U.S.C. §§ 70501-70508); **or**
 - ☐ (D) any felony if the defendant has been convicted of two or more offenses described in (a) through (c) above, or two or more State or local offenses that would have been offenses described in (a) through (c) above if a circumstance giving rise to Federal jurisdiction had existed, or a combination of such offenses; **or**
 - ☒ (E) any felony that is not otherwise a crime of violence but involves: (i) a minor victim; (ii) the possession or use of a firearm or destructive device (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921); (iii) any other dangerous weapon; or (iv) a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250;

OR

- ☐ Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2) because the case involves:
- ☐ (A) a serious risk the defendant will flee; **or**
 - ☐ (B) a serious risk the defendant will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice, or threaten, injure, intimidate, attempt to threaten, injure or intimidate a prospective witness or juror.

Procedure

The defendant may seek a continuance of the detention hearing of up to five days, and the United States may seek a continuance of up to three days. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). During any such continuance, the defendant shall be detained. *Id.* The rules concerning the admissibility of evidence do not apply at the detention hearing. *Id.* The United States has the burden of persuasion by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably the safety of any other person and the community or by a preponderance of evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required. *Id.*;

United States v. Cisneros, 328 F.3d 610, 616 (10th Cir. 2003).

Rebuttable Presumption

- ☒ A rebuttable presumption applies and the defendant bears the burden to produce some credible evidence to rebut this presumption. The United States acknowledges that it retains the burden of persuasion. The statutory presumption applies:
 - ☐ Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(2) (*previous violator*): There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community because:
 - (A) the defendant has previously been convicted of a Federal offense that is described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), or of a State or local offense that would have been such an offense if a circumstance giving rise to Federal jurisdiction had existed; **and**
 - (B) the defendant committed that offense while on release pending trial for a Federal, State, or local offense; **and**
 - (C) a period of not more than five years has elapsed since the date of conviction, or the release of the defendant from imprisonment, for that, whichever is later.
 - ☒ Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3) (*narcotics, firearm, other offenses*): There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community because there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed one or more of the following offenses:
 - ☐ (A) an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801-904), the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 951-971), or Chapter 705 of Title 46, U.S.C. (46 U.S.C. §§ 70501-70508);
 - ☐ (B) an offense under 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c), 956(a), or 2332b;
 - ☐ (C) an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 or more is prescribed;
 - ☐ (D) an offense under Chapter 77 of Title 18, U.S.C. (18 U.S.C. §§ 1581-1597) for which a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years or more is prescribed; **or**
 - ☒ (E) an offense involving a minor victim under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201, 1591, 2241, 2242, 2244(a)(1), 2245, 2251, 2251A, 2252(a)(1), 2252(a)(2), 2252(a)(3), 2252A(a)(1), 2252A(a)(2), 2252A(a)(3), 2252A(a)(4), 2260, 2421, 2422, 2423, or 2425.

Factors to Be Considered

The United States may present arguments, proffer evidence, or provide testimony at the scheduled detention hearing supporting the detention of the defendant including, but not limited to:

- ☒ The nature and circumstances of the offense charged, including whether the offense is a crime of violence, a violation of section 1591, a Federal crime of terrorism, or involves a minor victim or a controlled substance, firearm or destructive device. (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(1)).
 - Beginning in October 2024, FBI agents began an on-line investigation of a person known only as EMMA, who was using an application known to be used by people interested in Child Sexual Abuse Material (“CSAM”). During that investigation, EMMA distributed a video of CSAM depicting an approximately 8YO female inserting her fingers into her vagina. EMMA also represented that he had original CSAM content that he could produce and distribute to others for a price.
 - FBI agents were ultimately able to connect EMMA with the telephone number XXX-XXX-7742. Further investigation established that the phone number was associated with Defendant BUCKLEY.
 - FBI agents applied for and obtained federal search warrants, which were executed on April 22, 2025. During the execution of the search warrants, FBI agents located a seized a cell phone in BUCKLEY’s vehicle. The make and model of the phone were consistent with what law enforcement officers were aware of being utilized by the internet accounts associated with EMMA.
 - During a forensic examination of the cell phone, law enforcement officers located well over 10,000 images and videos of CSAM (and possible as many as 50,000 images and videos), largely all depicting Child Pornography (“CP”) as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8). The CP depicted images of infants and toddlers being raped by adult males.
 - The forensic examination of the cell phone also revealed evidence that BUCKLEY has been distributing images of CSAM/CP across multiple on-line platforms.
- ☒ The weight of evidence against the defendant. (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(2)).

The weight of the evidence against Jared BUCKLEY is substantial. This includes:

- The recorded chats with EMMA on the on-line platform where EMMA communicates that he has images of CP available for sale;
 - EMMA's distribution of the CP video of an 8-year-old prepubescent female engaged in sexually explicit conduct;
 - The substantial forensic evidence tying EMMA to a phone number that belongs to BUCKLEY;
 - BUCKLEY's cell-phone which contains well over 10,000 images and videos of CP (and potentially as many as 50,000 images and videos of CSAM/CP); and
 - The other forensic evidence from the forensic examination of the cell-phone showing BUCKLEY's distribution of CP on various on-line applications
- ☒ The history and characteristics of the defendant including the defendant's character, physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct, history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, criminal history and record concerning court proceedings. (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(3)(A)).
- Defendant Jared BUCKLEY is the Lead Director of both the Layton and Ogden campuses for the Leadership Learning Academy, a Charter School for ages Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.
- ☐ Whether, at time of the current offense or arrest, the defendant was on probation, parole, or other release pending trial, sentencing, appeal, or completion of sentence for an offense under Federal, State, or local law. (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(3)(B)).
- ☒ The nature and seriousness of danger to any person or to the community that would be posed by the defendant's release. (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(4)).
- Given the evidence in this case, particularly that which was found on his phone, Defendant Jared BUCKLEY is a danger to every child in the community.
- ☐ The defendant's lack of legal status in the United States. The defendant's legal status is:
- ☐ How the defendant would be subject to removal or deportation after serving a period of incarceration.
- ☐ The defendant's significant family or other ties outside of the United States.

- ☐ The defendant's use of aliases or false documents.
- ☐ The defendant's prior attempts to evade law enforcement.
- ☐ How the defendant's proposed residence, employment, or proposed treatment programs have not been verified.
- ☐ The defendant's prior failures to appear for court proceedings.
- ☐ Other reasons including:

Victim Notification

- ☐ The United States has notified any identified victim, or attempted to do so, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3771.

The position of the victim(s) on the detention of the defendant is:

- ☐ The victim(s) in this matter seek(s) a no contact order.
- ☒ This matter does not involve a victim requiring notification.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2025.

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