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

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,<br><br>Plaintiff,<br><br>v.<br><br>RAMCHAND RATTAN,<br><br>Defendant. | <b>UNITED STATES' POSITION<br/>REGARDING DETENTION</b><br><br><br><br>Case No. 4:26-cr-00065-AMA |
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- ☐ The United States is not seeking detention.
- ☐ 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)(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 assure 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).

### **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)).
- ☒ The weight of evidence against the defendant. (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(2)).
- ☒ 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)).
- ☐ 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)).
- ☒ 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:

Between May 6 and May 24 of 2025, Ramchand Rattan made multiple threatening phone calls to an employee of St. George Ford. On May 12, 2025, employees at St. George Ford reported the threats. The victim said he had assisted a female and a male (later identified as Rattan) on May 6, 2025. The victim said the two took a couple of test drives and said they would think about it. During the interaction, Rattan noticed that the victim spoke with an accent and asked him where he was from. The victim said he was originally from Britain. A few days later, Rattan called St. George Ford and asked for the victim. Because the victim was not on the lot at the time, the employee gave Rattan the victim's personal phone number.

The victim then began receiving multiple phone calls from Rattan. Sometimes the phone number would be blocked, and other times the phone number was listed as ending in 2063. If the victim answered, Rattan accused him of being a British homosexual and that he was going to kill him. If the victim did not answer, Rattan would sometimes leave voicemails that made similar accusations and threats. The victim said he recognized the male's voice from the prior interaction. While the officers were speaking with the victim, he played two of the voicemails that Rattan had left for him. In the first message, left on May 11, Rattan accused the victim of being a British homosexual and said he would "bust your f\*\*\*\*\* head" and "shoot you in your f\*\*\*\*\* head." In the second message, left on May 12, Rattan again accused the victim of being a British homosexual and said "I will murder you!" and that he would "follow you all over the United States and murder you!" Rattan also threatened to come to St. George Ford that afternoon and murder the victim.

When contacted by police, the female that was with Rattan confirmed she was at St. George Ford with Rattan and that they went for some test drives with the victim. When told that Rattan was making threatening phone calls to the victim, the female said that Rattan was "mentally unstable" and that there had been incidents in the past where he had made threatening phone calls to LDS church security. The female also confirmed Rattan's phone number as the one ending in 2063 that had placed the threatening calls.

The officer then attempted to call Rattan, who answered but did not speak. After the officer hung up, Rattan called him back but again once the officer answered the phone, Rattan refused to speak.

Between January 17 and January 21 of 2026, Rattan made multiple threatening phone calls to a Costco located in St. George. Employees reported that the male spoke with an accent and demanded that a homosexual black employee that he had recently

interacted with at the store be fired. He used derogatory names for homosexuals and black people during the calls and threatened that if they all black and/or homosexual employees were not fired, he would blow up or burn the Costco store down.

A Costco employee recorded the January 21 phone call and played it for the investigating officer. In the call, the male demanded that a homosexual black employee be fired and if they were not, the caller said "I'm going to turn your place into a BBQ joint. I'm going to light it up like a BBQ joint." The caller claimed he was the "leader" of St. George and that his Grandfather settled the area and that it was exclusively for "the Mormons." When the caller said she was not Mormon, the caller said "you have to go too." The caller said he was not afraid of Secret Service, the FBI, or anyone else in the government and claimed that he could "disable" the police and the Army.

It was subsequently determined that all of the phone calls were made from the same phone number ending in 2063. Officers once again spoke with Rattan's female associate and she said that she and Rattan were at the Costco on January 17, the day before the first reported threatening phone call. The female also said that she owned a 2025 Kia Sportage but let Rattan borrow it. A search of license plate readers showed the vehicle traveled from Las Vegas to St. George and back on January 17, with no travel records since.

Investigators attempted to call Rattan, who answered but then refused to say anything. After investigators hung up, Rattan called them back but again refused to speak after investigators answered the phone.

Rattan was ultimately arrested for state charges. At the time of his arrest, Rattan had two phones that were seized and subsequently searched pursuant to a search warrant. Investigators were unable to access one of Rattan's phones. However, the other phone was identified as the phone Rattan used to place the calls to Costco. It bore the same phone number and the call log showed at least one of the calls.

Officers also learned that Rattan was the suspect in yet another threats investigation in Arizona. On April 4, 2026, a male entered the Maverik store located in Littlefield, Arizona (between St. George and Las Vegas) and started repeatedly saying white people are ugly to various white employees. When told he needed to leave, the male then threatened to blow up the store and kill everyone inside. He then left in a 2025 Kia Sportage and witnesses caught part of the license plate, which matched Rattan's Kia Sportage. The same male subsequently called the Maverik store later that day and again threatened to burn the store and/or blow it up. On April 7, Rattan again called and made the same threats. He also told the female employee "I'll put my d\*\*\* in your mouth and a bullet in your head." When Arizona learned of the St. George, Utah investigation, they asked for known photographs of Rattan and compared them to the video surveillance from Maverik. They confirmed Rattan was the male customer.

Rattan is currently illegally present in the United States, with a pending asylum claim.

### 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 that the defendant be detained.

☒ The victim(s) in this matter seek(s) a no contact order.

☐ This matter does not involve a victim requiring notification.

DATED this 17th day of August, 2026.

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