

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
HON. STANLEY A. BOONE, MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	No. 21-CR-22-NONE
	)	
vs.	)	ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA
	)	
NATHAN DANIEL LARSON,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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Fresno, California

Thursday, February 25, 2021

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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2 2:32 p.m.

3 THE COURT: All right. Just waiting for Fresno  
4 County to provide item number nine we'll be calling.

5 THE CLERK: Item number nine, Nathan Larson is in  
6 quarantine. He's on the phone.

7 THE COURT: He is. Mr. Larson, if you could star 6.  
8 Mr. Larson, can you hear me?

9 THE DEFENDANT: This is Nathan Larson.

10 THE COURT: Yes. Mr. Larson. Can you hear me?

11 THE DEFENDANT: I am. I can.

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Ms. Gupta, for  
13 purposes of today, does your client consent to proceed via  
14 telephonic for purposes of this hearing today?

15 MS. GUPTA: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: All right. And --

17 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, objection.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 THE DEFENDANT: I intend to proceed pro se in this  
20 case. And I do not consent to the holding of the hearing by  
21 teleconference because of studies that indicate that hearings  
22 held by video conference and to have worse results for the  
23 defendant. Such as higher bail.

24 THE COURT: All right. I don't know of such results.  
25 And there's no evidence before the Court that that is the

1 case. So Mr. Enos, do you consent to proceed via telephonic  
2 for today's hearing?

3 MR. ENOS: The government does, yes.

4 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Larson, we'll have to go  
5 through some representation issues with regard to determining  
6 whether or not you can represent yourself. Do you understand  
7 that?

8 THE DEFENDANT: I do. And with regard to studies,  
9 given that I'm in jail, that's why I'm not able to provide  
10 those to the Court right now.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have them with you right  
12 there?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No. I just remember from articles  
14 that I read before I got locked up.

15 MS. GUPTA: Your Honor, if I may interrupt.

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 MS. GUPTA: If we could get appointed for the  
18 purposes of this hearing. And then if Mr. Larson wants to go  
19 pro per, he can do that at the next hearing.

20 THE COURT: All right. Very well. Mr. Larson, you  
21 are charged in an indictment out of this district, first in  
22 Count One with a violation of 18 United States Code, Section  
23 1201(a), (d) and (g), kidnapping and attempt to kidnap.

24 If convicted of this offense, you could be ordered to  
25 serve imprisonment up to a maximum of life, a \$250,000 fine,

1 both fine and imprisonment. Mandatory minimum supervised  
2 release of five years to a maximum of life and a \$100 special  
3 assessment.

4 You're also charged in Count Two with a violation of  
5 18 United States Code, Section 2423(a), transportation of a  
6 minor with intent to engage in illegal sexual activity.

7 If convicted of this offense, you could be ordered to  
8 serve up to a mandatory minimum of ten years imprisonment to a  
9 maximum of life, a \$250,000 fine, both fine and imprisonment.  
10 Mandatory minimum supervised release of five years to a  
11 maximum of life. A \$100 special assessment and a \$5,000  
12 additional special assessment.

13 You're also charged in Count Three with a violation  
14 of 18 United States Code, Sections 2422(b), online coercion  
15 and enticement.

16 If convicted of this offense, you could be ordered to  
17 serve up to a mandatory minimum of ten years imprisonment to a  
18 maximum of life imprisonment, pay a \$250,000 fine, both fine  
19 and imprisonment. Mandatory minimum supervised release of  
20 five years to a maximum of life. Also a mandatory \$100  
21 special assessment and an additional \$5,000 special assessment  
22 based upon the nature of the crime.

23 You're also charged in Count Four with a violation of  
24 18 United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e), sexual  
25 exploitation of a minor and attempt.

1           If convicted of this offense, you could be ordered to  
2 serve up to a mandatory minimum of 15 years imprisonment, up  
3 to a maximum of 30 years imprisonment, pay a fine of \$250,000,  
4 both fine and imprisonment. Supervised release mandatory  
5 minimum of five years up to a maximum of life. A \$100 special  
6 assessment and a \$5,000 special assessment based upon the  
7 nature of the offense.

8           You're also charged in Count Five with the violation  
9 of 18 United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2), receipt and  
10 distribution of child pornography.

11           If convicted of this offense, you could be ordered to  
12 serve up to a mandatory minimum of five years imprisonment to  
13 a maximum 20 years imprisonment, pay a \$250,000 fine, both  
14 fine and imprisonment. Supervised release mandatory minimum  
15 of five years to a maximum of life. A mandatory \$100 special  
16 assessment and an additional special assessment of \$5,000  
17 based upon the nature of the offense. There's also a  
18 forfeiture allegation.

19           Mr. Larson, I'll remind you you have the right to  
20 remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against  
21 you in a court of law. Also if you're not a United States  
22 citizen, you have the right to have your consular of your  
23 nationality advised of your arrest.

24           And pursuant to the Federal Rules of Criminal  
25 Procedure 5(f), the government is ordered to comply with its

1 discovery obligations as required by federal law, including  
2 those duties imposed by *Brady versus Maryland* and all  
3 applicable decisions interpreting *Brady*. This order does not  
4 relief any party of its discovery obligations. Failure to  
5 comply with the government's obligation under *Brady* may  
6 include sanctions, referral to a disciplinary authority,  
7 adverse jury instruction, exclusion of evidence and dismissal  
8 of the charges.

9 Also you have the right to have court appointed  
10 counsel appointed for you in this case. And I'm in receipt of  
11 your financial affidavit, it appears you qualify for the  
12 services of court appointed counsel so I will appoint court  
13 appointed counsel to represent you. Ms. Gupta.

14 MS. GUPTA: Thank you, Your Honor. We've received a  
15 copy of the indictment. I have reviewed it with Mr. Larson.  
16 His name is correctly set forth therein. We waive further  
17 reading of the indictment and advisement of his rights. He  
18 enters a plea of not guilty to all charges. He denies the  
19 forfeiture allegation. We request discovery and we request to  
20 set a status conference for the end of April.

21 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Enos, is the government  
22 requesting detention?

23 MR. ENOS: Yes, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: And are you requesting reciprocal  
25 discovery?

1           MR. ENOS: We are, Your Honor. And with respect to  
2 discovery, I sent defense counsel a draft stipulation and  
3 proposed order. If the parties can agree to that, I would be  
4 able to provide discovery without redactions as there's some  
5 confidential information about the parties in there. So we  
6 have discovery ready to go. We're hoping to get that  
7 protective order in place and we're requesting reciprocal  
8 discovery.

9           THE COURT: I will enter the defendant's not guilty  
10 pleas. Note that his true name is correctly set forth. I  
11 will enter a denial as to the forfeiture allegation. I will  
12 order initial discovery two weeks from today's date. I will  
13 order reciprocal discovery three weeks from today's date.  
14 I'll remind the parties of their continuing duties to  
15 supplement the discovery pursuant to Local Rule 440 and  
16 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16.

17           Ms. Gupta, when would you like the detention hearing?

18           MS. GUPTA: Your Honor, we would submit on detention  
19 with the understanding that we have the right to re-open at a  
20 later time.

21           THE COURT: All right. Mr. Enos?

22           MR. ENOS: Yeah, Your Honor. The government moves  
23 for detention and notes that this is a presumption case and  
24 that defense has submitted on the report. Mr. Larson was  
25 indeed not interviewed. He has no local ties. And the nature

1 of the charges themselves demonstrate what a danger he is to  
2 the community. And so we would submit on the information  
3 provided in Officer Guerrero's report of earlier today.

4 THE COURT: All right. Then the matter is submitted.  
5 The Court has carefully considered the facts and  
6 circumstances. Mindful of the standard under 3142. Also  
7 mindful that this is a presumption case.

8 I find in this case that the defendant is ordered  
9 detained and that there are no conditions or combination of  
10 conditions which will reasonably assure his appearance and/or  
11 the safety of the community. The reason for my decision is  
12 the nature and circumstance of the offense, which is the least  
13 considered factor but it nevertheless is a factor that is not  
14 ignored. In this case, the defendant's past criminal history,  
15 his lack of ties, his lack of financial resources. And for  
16 those reasons, he is ordered detained.

17 With regard to an April setting, Ms. Gupta. What  
18 day?

19 MS. GUPTA: I did not have a date in front of me, but  
20 late April.

21 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Hernandez?

22 THE CLERK: April 21st at one o'clock before Judge  
23 Oberto.

24 THE COURT: Is that agreeable, Ms. Gupta?

25 MS. GUPTA: Yes, Your Honor.



1 THE COURT: Mr. Enos?

2 MR. ENOS: Yes, Your Honor. That's fine. One  
3 o'clock; correct?

4 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you.

5 MR. ENOS: And the government would move for a time  
6 waiver for the reasons stated in today's appearance.

7 THE COURT: Ms. Gupta?

8 MS. GUPTA: We agree to waive time.

9 THE COURT: All right. The Court in this case will  
10 continue this matter for purposes of status conference on  
11 April 21st, 2021 at one p.m. I find good cause for the  
12 exclusion of time in that the defense will need an opportunity  
13 to review the discovery. And that --

14 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: -- the time in this case -- Mr. Larson,  
16 you have a right to remain silent. So I'll let you at a later  
17 point in time speak with your attorney with regard to this  
18 matter. Okay? Thank you.

19 THE DEFENDANT: I want to make sure I'm not waiving  
20 any speedy trial rights.

21 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Gupta?

22 MS. GUPTA: Your Honor, we've agreed to waive time.  
23 That is not a waiver of Mr. Larson's speedy trial rights.

24 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Enos?

25 MR. ENOS: Government agrees with Ms. Gupta in this

1 regard. And for the reasons stated earlier in this hearing,  
2 we believe that time is properly waived until April 21.

3 THE COURT: All right. In light of the discovery in  
4 this case, I find good cause for the exclusion of time under  
5 the Speedy Trial Act of the United States Constitution, that  
6 the ends of justice are served and that the exclusion of time  
7 outweighs both the defendant and the public's interest in a  
8 speedy trial and therefore exclude time from today's date  
9 until April 21st, 2021 at one p.m.

10 Anything further by any party?

11 MS. GUPTA: No, Your Honor.

12 MR. ENOS: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

14 (The proceedings were concluded at 2:21 p.m.)

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16 I, KAREN HOOVEN, Official Reporter, do hereby certify  
17 that the foregoing transcript as true and correct.

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19 DATED: 10th of June, 2021

/s/ Karen Hooven  
KAREN HOOVEN, RMR-CRR

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