

DOCKET NUMBER: 24cr286 CRIMINAL CAUSE FOR: change of plea

VERA M. SCANLON, U.S.M.J. DATE: 11/17/2025 TIME IN COURT: 1.5 hours

DEFENDANT NAME(S): Michail Chkhikvishvili

Present  Not Present  In Custody  Not In Custody

DEFENSE COUNSEL: Zachary Stewart Taylor

Federal Defender  CJA  Retained

AUSA: Nick Moscow

Pretrial/Probation:  Interpreter/Language: Nina Adar-Tkach, Georgian

Court Reporter:  ESR Log Nos.: COURTROOM 13A\_20251117 13:14-15:34

Arraignment  Revocation of Probation – non-contested

Change of Plea  Revocation of Probation – contested

In Chambers Conference  Sentencing – non-evidentiary

Pre-Trial Conference  Sentencing – contested

Initial Appearance  Revocation of Supervised Rel. – evidentiary

Status Conference  Revocation of Supervised Rel. – non-evidentiary

Telephone Conference  Jury Selection

Motion Hearing – evidentiary  Voir Dire Begun

Other Hearing:  Voir Dire Held

Case Called  Rule 5(f) Notice

Defendant Sworn  Defendant Informed of Rights

Waiver of Indictment executed

Defendant consents orally and in writing to have plea taken by a U.S. Magistrate Judge after being advised of the right to have the plea taken before a U.S. District Judge.

Defendant withdraws not guilty plea and enters plea of guilty as stated on the record

Court finds factual basis for the plea

Based on the proceedings held in open court, it is respectfully recommended that the Court: (1) find the plea of guilty was made knowingly, and is voluntary and uncoerced; (2) find that there is a factual basis for the plea; and (3) accept the plea.

Defendant through counsel waived the right to appear in person and consented to proceed remotely with the advice of Counsel.

Sentencing set for: 3/9/2026, 10:00 AM

An application for an Order of Excludable Delay was made on the record.

Order of Excludable Delay entered from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

Order of Temporary Detention entered

**TEXT**

The criminal cause for pleading was held in Courtroom 13A South. Defendant was sworn in and informed of his rights. Defendant, defense counsel, and the AUSA consented to have the plea taken before Magistrate Judge Vera M. Scanlon. Defendant proceeded with the assistance of the interpreter. Consent filed separately. Defendant withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to counts 2 and 3 of the Indictment dated 7/15/2024, soliciting violent felonies, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 373, and distributing information pertaining to making and use of an explosive device, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 842(p)(2)(A). Magistrate Judge Vera M. Scanlon respectfully recommends that the plea of guilty be accepted. Government will maintain Court Ex. 1, which is the plea agreement, and will provide a copy to the Court and defense counsel. A conviction notification has been provided to the Probation Department. Defendant remains in custody. Transcript ordered for the Court.