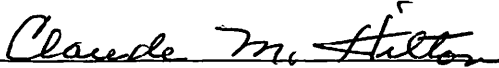


Third, the defense is obligated to undertake its own investigation of the alleged charges. The indictment includes two counts that contain mandatory minimum sentences of five years. The defense requires time to review the evidence, undertake its investigation, confer with the defendant about his options, and potentially to engage in discussions with the government regarding whether a pretrial resolution is available.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown, this Court finds that this case is complex and that it is in the interests of justice to set a trial date outside of 70 days. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161. Therefore, the trial of this matter shall begin on June 20, 2023.

Signed this 21st day of April, 2023


The Honorable Claude M. Hilton
United States District Judge