

Dec 04, 2025

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MIKKI PIKE HATFIELD,

Defendant.

CASE NO: 2:25-CR-00113-RLP-3

ORDER ACCEPTING GUILTY PLEA
AND IMPOSING CONDITIONS OF
RELEASE PENDING SENTENCING

On December 2, 2025, Defendant Mikki Hatfield appeared before the Court and entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment filed on July 9, 2025, charging Defendant with Conspiracy to Impede or Injure Officers, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 372. Defendant was represented by Nicholas Vieth. AUSA Rebecca R. Perez appeared on behalf of the Government.

The Court finds that Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges and consequences of the plea and the plea of guilty is knowing, and voluntary, is not induced by fear, coercion, or ignorance and is supported by an independent basis in

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1 fact establishing each of the essential elements of the crime. Therefore,
2 Defendant's plea of guilty is accepted.

3 **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

4 1. The Court finds that pursuant to the parties' stipulated Deferred
5 Sentencing Agreement, Defendant knowingly waives their right to be sentenced
6 without unreasonable delay. The Court therefore defers setting a sentencing
7 hearing for a period of 18 months, pending Defendant's compliance with the
8 conditions of the Deferred Sentencing Agreement.

9 2. A status conference is **SET for June 7, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Spokane
10 Courtroom 901. Absent truly exigent circumstances, the Court will not consider a
11 request for a continuance of sentencing unless: (1) the request is made by written
12 motion, (2) in accordance with LCivR 7, and (3) the motion and supporting
13 declaration are filed at least seven (7) days before the scheduled sentencing
14 hearing.

15 3. Pending sentencing, Defendant shall remain released pursuant the release
16 order in this matter. ECF No. 124. Defendant shall continue to comply with the
17 conditions of pretrial release previously set forth by the Court at ECF No. 138 and
18 any future Court order amending those conditions. Defendant is further ordered to
19 abide by the following release conditions, as set forth in the Deferred Sentencing
20 Agreement:

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1 a. Defendant must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance.
2 Defendant must submit to one drug test within 15 days from entry of plea and at
3 least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the Court. The Court will
4 decide at entry of plea if you pose a low risk of future substance abuse and may
5 suspend this condition.

6 b. Defendant must be truthful when responding to the questions asked by a
7 United States Probation officer.

8 c. Defendant must live at a place approved by the United States Probation
9 Office. If Defendant plans to change where they live or anything about their living
10 arrangements (such as the people they live with), they must notify the officer at
11 least 10 days before the change. If notifying the officer in advance is not possible
12 due to unanticipated circumstances, they must notify the officer within 72 hours of
13 becoming aware of a change or expected change.

14 d. Defendant must allow an officer from the United States Probation Office
15 to visit them at any reasonable time at their home or elsewhere, and they must
16 permit the officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of this Agreement
17 that he or she observes in plain view.

18 e. Defendant must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful
19 type of employment, unless the United States Probation officer excuses them from
20 doing so. If they do not have full-time employment they must try to find full-time

1 employment, unless the officer excuses them from doing so. If Defendant plans to
2 change where they work or anything about their work (such as their position or
3 their job responsibilities), they must notify the officer at least 10 days before the
4 change. If notifying the officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to
5 unanticipated circumstances, they must notify the officer within 72 hours of
6 becoming aware of a change or expected change.

7 f. Defendant must not communicate or interact with someone they know is
8 engaged in criminal activity. If Defendant knows someone has been convicted of a
9 felony, they must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without
10 first getting the permission of the United States Probation Office.

11 g. If Defendant is arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, they
12 must notify the United States Probation Office within 72 hours.

13 h. Defendant must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm,
14 ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was
15 designed, or was modified for, the specific causing bodily injury or death to
16 another person, such as nunchakus or tasers).

17 i. Defendant must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement
18 agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the
19 permission of the Court.

1 j. Defendant must follow the instructions of the United States Probation
2 Office related to these conditions pending sentencing.

3 k. As a condition of release pending sentencing, Defendant is directed to
4 pay \$50 per month as pre-judgment payments towards their outstanding restitution.
5 The Clerk's Office is authorized to accept Defendant's pre-judgment payments
6 pursuant to the Court's forthcoming Order Granting Stipulated Motion for Pre-
7 Sentence Payment.

8 4. The public and the press have common law and First Amendment rights
9 to access court proceedings and court documents. The Court recognizes that given
10 the availability of electronic records, certain materials are appropriately filed under
11 seal. However, if a party intends to file materials under seal, the party shall, after
12 considering whether the provisions of Fed. R. Cr. P. 49.1 provide sufficient privacy
13 protection, file a motion to seal applying the Ninth Circuit's methodology as set
14 forth in *United States v. Doe*, 870 F.3d 991 (9th Cir. 2017). No motion to seal is
15 necessary if the materials contain the names of cooperating witnesses or unindicted
16 co-conspirators or reveal ongoing investigations, such materials may be filed under
17 seal without leave of the Court.

18 5. All pending motions are **DENIED as moot**.

19 6. The District Court Executive is authorized to accept Defendant's
20 payment(s) toward the Special Penalty Assessment. However, the Court notes that

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1 should Defendant be permitted to withdraw their guilty plea and plead to a
2 misdemeanor, the amount of the special penalty assessment will be reduced from
3 \$100 to \$25.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter
5 this Order and provide copies to counsel, the United States Probation Office, and
6 the United States Marshal's Service.

7 DATED December 4, 2025.

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9 REBECCA L. PENNELL
10 United States District Judge