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THE MISSISSIPPI BAR

COMPLAINANT

v.

CAUSE NO. 2026-BD-00787

CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA

RESPONDENT

FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Mississippi Bar ("the Bar") files the following Formal Complaint against Chokwe Antar Lumumba pursuant to Rule 6 of the Rules of Discipline for the Mississippi State Bar ("MRD"):

1. Chokwe Antar Lumumba may be served with process at 1 Eastmont Place, Jackson, Mississippi, or wherever he may be found
2. The Mississippi Bar is a designated disciplinary agency pursuant to the Rule 3, MRD. Its mailing address is Post Office Box 2168, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2168.
3. Respondent was admitted to practice in Mississippi in 2008 and is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Mississippi pursuant to Rule 1, MRD
4. Respondent was indicted on or about October 23, 2024, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi on six (6) felony counts including Conspiracy (18 U.S.C. §1371), Federal Program Bribery (18 U.S.C. §666(a)(2), (a)(1)(B)), Use of an Interstate Facility in Aid of Racketeering (18

U.S.C. §1952(a)(3)), Honest Services Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. §1342, 1346), and Money Laundering (18 U.S.C. §1956(a)(1)(B)(i)). A copy of the *Indictment* is attached as **Exhibit “A.”**

5. Respondent entered a plea of guilty as to Count I, Conspiracy (18 U.S.C. §371), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi on July 6, 2026. A Certified copy of the *Plea Agreement* is attached as **Exhibit “B.”**

6. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi accepted Respondent’s guilty plea that same day. A certified copy of the *Docket* is attached as **Exhibit “C.”**

7. The crime for which Respondent entered a plea of guilty is a felony. Pursuant to Rule 6(a) of the MRD, the Supreme Court should strike the name of the attorney and immediately suspend Respondent from the practice of law.

8. Respondent’s sentencing is set for October 15, 2026. *See* **Exhibit “C.”**

9. Once a final judgment of conviction is entered and any appeals have been concluded without reversal, the Bar will certify same to the Court, pursuant to Rule 6(d), MRD.

10. The Bar is entitled to be reimbursed by Respondent for the costs associated with the filing and litigation of this Formal Complaint in accordance with Rule 26(a), MRD.

WHEREFORE, the Bar requests that Chokwe Antar Lumumba be immediately suspended from the practice of law in the State of Mississippi with all costs and expenses associated with the filing and litigation of this Formal Complaint being taxed against Respondent. The Bar further requests other such relief as the Court deems proper.

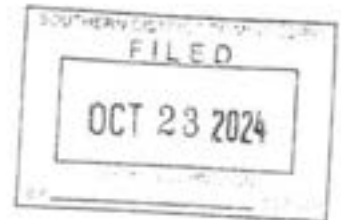
Dated July 10, 2026.

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR

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NORTHERN DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 3:24cr103DPJ-LG

JODY E. OWENS II,
CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA, and
AARON B. BANKS

18 U.S.C. § 371
18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(2)
18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B)
18 U.S.C. § 1952(a)(3)
18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1346
18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i)
18 U.S.C. § 1001
18 U.S.C. § 2

The Grand Jury charges:

At all times relevant to this indictment:

INTRODUCTION

Overview

1. Beginning on or about October 16, 2023, and continuing through on or about May 23, 2024, **JODY E. OWENS II** ("**OWENS**"), the Hinds County District Attorney, conspired with **CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA** ("**LUMUMBA**"), the Mayor of Jackson, Mississippi; **AARON B. BANKS** ("**BANKS**"), the President of the Jackson City Council; **ANGELIQUE LEE** ("**LEE**"), the Vice President of the Jackson City Council; **SHERIK MARVE SMITH** ("**SMITH**"), a resident of Hinds County; and others known and unknown, to carry out a bribery scheme to enrich themselves. Specifically, **OWENS**, on behalf of two individuals purporting to be real estate developers from Nashville, Tennessee ("**Developer 1**" and "**Developer 2**," collectively "**the Developers**"), facilitated over \$80,000 in bribe payments to **BANKS**, **LUMUMBA**, and **LEE** in exchange for their agreement to take official action to ensure the approval of the Developers' proposed multi-million-dollar downtown Jackson development project. **OWENS** solicited and accepted at least \$115,000 in cash and promises of future financial benefits from the Developers



to use his relationships with **BANKS**, **LUMUMBA**, and **LEE** to act as an intermediary for the over \$80,000 in bribe payments. **OWENS**, **BANKS**, **LUMUMBA**, **LEE**, and **SMITH** were not aware that, in reality, the Developers were working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI").

2. As part of the scheme, on or about January 11, 2024, **BANKS** solicited a \$50,000 bribe in exchange for his future votes in favor of the Developers' proposed development project. On or about February 13, 2024, **BANKS** accepted an initial payment of \$10,000 in cash from the Developers via **OWENS**, along with a promise of funding for the employment of a family member and a protective detail service.

3. As part of the scheme, in or about February and March 2024, in exchange for **LEE**'s future votes in favor of the Developers' proposed development project, **OWENS** and the Developers offered, and **LEE** accepted, a \$10,000 debt repayment, \$3,000 in cash, and a shopping trip resulting in approximately \$6,000 in luxury goods.

4. As part of the scheme, in or about March and April of 2024, **LUMUMBA** accepted a bribe payment of \$50,000 from the Developers via **OWENS** in the form of five \$10,000 campaign-donation checks from various entities and individuals, including **OWENS** and **SMITH**. **OWENS** used the campaign-donation checks to disguise the true source of the funds, the Developers, in an attempt to avoid scrutiny from the public and law enforcement. And **LUMUMBA** accepted the checks knowing and understanding that the money was from the Developers, and that it was being offered in exchange for official action from **LUMUMBA** in favor of the Developers' proposed development project.

Background on Relevant Individuals and Entities

5. In 2019, **OWENS** was elected as the District Attorney for Hinds County, Mississippi, which includes Jackson, Mississippi. **OWENS** was reelected as District Attorney in November 2023. As District Attorney, **OWENS** was responsible for, among other duties, enforcing criminal laws in Jackson.

6. **LUMUMBA** was first elected the Mayor of the City of Jackson in 2017. As Mayor, **LUMUMBA** was an agent of the City of Jackson and had the power to put matters, including development projects, before the Jackson City Council for a vote.

7. **BANKS** was first elected to the City Council in 2017 as Representative of Ward 6 and, until July 2024, was the President of the Jackson City Council. As a member of the City Council, **BANKS** was an agent of the City of Jackson and, among other duties, voted for or against development project proposals put before the City Council.

8. **LEE** was first elected to the City Council in 2020 and, until August 2024, was the elected Representative of Ward 2. **LEE** also served as the Vice President of the Jackson City Council until July 2024. As a member of the City Council, **LEE** was an agent of the City of Jackson and, among other duties, voted for or against development project proposals put before the City Council.

9. **SMITH** was a resident of Hinds County, Mississippi, and an insurance broker. He was also a relative and close associate of **OWENS**.

10. Developer 1 was a confidential human source ("CHS") employed by the FBI. Developer 1 purported to be a real estate developer from Nashville, Tennessee, seeking to invest in and develop property in downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

11. Developer 2 was an undercover employee and CHS employed by the FBI. Developer 2 purported to be a real estate developer from Nashville, Tennessee, seeking to invest in and develop property in downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

12. Witness 1 was an adult resident of Hinds County, Mississippi.

13. Company A was a limited liability company incorporated in Mississippi with its principal place of business located in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. OWENS was listed as the sole manager and registered agent.

14. Company B was a professional limited liability company registered in Mississippi. OWENS was designated as the organizer and a member.

Federal Funding and the Downtown Development Project

15. In each of the calendar years of 2023 and 2024, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, received over \$10,000 in benefits from the United States government under federal programs involving grants, subsidies, loans, guarantees, insurance, and other forms of assistance. Specifically, the City of Jackson received more than \$10,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

16. Since approximately 2008, the City of Jackson has sought to develop a 7.75-acre plot of land in downtown Jackson in the vicinity of the Convention Center Complex. The development of this land was key to the revitalization of Jackson's downtown area and would cost potential developers and the city millions of dollars to develop. To facilitate the project, the City of Jackson took out a multi-million-dollar loan from HUD in 2008 via the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. As a condition of the loan, the City would then relend the money to potential developers for the purchase and development of the land. Pursuant to the terms of the loan, the City of Jackson has until June 30, 2025, to complete its downtown development project.

17. In order to complete the downtown development project, the City of Jackson's Department of Planning and Development ("DPD") sought the assistance and partnership of a so-called "Master Developer." Specifically, over the years, the DPD issued multiple Requests for Proposals ("RFP")—solicitations from qualified contractors seeking to serve as a Master Developer—for the downtown development project.

18. The DPD last issued an RFP for the downtown development project in July 2023. That RFP sought a Master Developer that would transform a parking lot across from the Convention Center into a mixed-use development that included a hotel, parking garage, and community green space. The July 2023 RFP received no responses from qualified developers.

19. On February 5, 2024, the DPD again sought to recruit developers, but instead of issuing an RFP, the DPD issued a Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") with a deadline of March 12, 2024. While an RFP requires developers to submit detailed project proposals and bids, an RFQ seeks only developers' credentials and portfolios. Then, after a selection process, the chosen developer submits a proposal in partnership with the DPD. The proposal is ultimately approved or denied by the Jackson City Council.

OWENS Develops a Scheme to Bribe Jackson Public Officials

20. In July 2023, Developer 1 visited Company A's place of business in downtown Jackson, which had been recommended to him because of his genuine interest in the products sold at Company A. While at Company A, Developer 1 met Witness 1. After hearing of Developer 1's interest in pursuing real estate development in Jackson, Witness 1 agreed to introduce Developer 1 to individuals he believed could assist Developer 1 with his goals.

21. On or about August 14, 2023, Witness 1 introduced Developer 1 to **OWENS SMITH**, and others at Company A. Developer 1 told **OWENS** and the others that he and Developer

2 were interested in potential real estate opportunities in Jackson, Mississippi.

22. On October 9, 2023, through October 11, 2023, **OWENS**, **SMITH**, and others went on a trip to Nashville via a private jet paid for by the FBI on behalf of the Developers. The purpose of the trip was, in part, to discuss business opportunities in Jackson.

23. **OWENS** was ready, willing, and predisposed to engage in bribery at least as early as October 16, 2023. On that date, **OWENS** told the Developers about his influence in the City of Jackson and the ability to purchase the support of public officials in the City of Jackson. Specifically, **OWENS** told the Developers that he could “give” the Developers the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (“JRA”), a seven-person commission established by the Jackson City Council with authority over certain real property in the City of Jackson. **OWENS** also told the Developers that he and **SMITH** “own enough of the city” and that he had “a bag of fucking information on all the city councilmen” that allowed him to “get votes approved.”

24. During **OWENS**’s re-election victory party on November 7, 2023, upon being congratulated by the Developers, **OWENS** responded unprompted that his position as District Attorney was “the part-time job. The full-time job is developing . . . This is the part time job, to get leverage for the full-time job. This is the part time job to get the conversations and the access. Access equals the other shit we’re trying to do.”

25. The following day, on November 8, 2023, the Developers met with **OWENS**, **SMITH**, and Witness 1 in the back room of Company A. During that meeting, **OWENS** and **SMITH** negotiated an upfront payment of \$250,000 to be paid to **OWENS**, **SMITH**, and Witness 1 for their roles in assisting the Developers. **OWENS** and **SMITH** were to be paid \$100,000 each, while Witness 1 was to be paid \$50,000.

OWENS Accepts \$125,000 in Florida to Facilitate the Scheme

26. On or about December 13, 2023, **OWENS**, **SMITH**, and Witness 1 traveled via a private jet paid for by the FBI on behalf of the Developers, to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for a meeting with the Developers. That evening, **OWENS** met with the Developers in a private room on a yacht. During the meeting, the Developers asked **OWENS** how he wanted to receive his payment. **OWENS** responded that cash was "easier" and that he had brought a bag on the trip specifically for that purpose. Developer 2 then gave **OWENS** \$125,000 in cash to be split by **OWENS** between himself, **SMITH**, and Witness 1.

27. After receiving the \$125,000, **OWENS** explained his value to the Developers: "I'm not trying to overemphasize this, you guys, but my ability to prosecute people . . . there's only one me. So right now, every police agency comes to us. Everybody needs something. Every file comes to us. Everybody needs something fixed."

OWENS Informs the Developers of the Downtown Development RFQ

28. On or about January 10, 2024, the Developers met with **OWENS** and **SMITH** at **OWENS**'s private office in Jackson, Mississippi. **OWENS** referred to that office as his "War Room." There, **OWENS** informed the Developers that the City of Jackson would soon issue an RFQ for the downtown development project. The Developers expressed interest in obtaining the downtown development project for themselves and noted their desire to secure the long-term support of the City Council. In response, **OWENS** stated that they would need to avoid paying the City Council members too much money up front. Specifically, **OWENS** stated: "I don't know if you have been around addicts before, right? You can give them a little blow, a little blunt, a little drink. But if you give them a case of whiskey, and you give them a kilo of coke, and you give them a motherfucking pound of weed. They will die."

OWENS and BANKS Conspire to Solicit a \$50,000 Bribe

29. The next night, on January 11, 2024, the Developers met with OWENS, SMITH, and BANKS in the back room of Company A. There, OWENS had a sidebar conversation with BANKS in which OWENS told BANKS that he would tell the Developers to pay BANKS "25 now and 25 later." OWENS then dismissed BANKS from the table and privately informed the Developers of BANKS's demand. While BANKS was absent, OWENS also stated:

We never give them the asking price. I buy pussy, I buy cars, I buy cows, I buy drugs, whatever. My point is, like [BANKS] need 50, you get 30. He gets installments. That's my game. Some people will overpay and say I'm the guy who needs more and some people will choose who to pay. He wants 50? We'll give him 15 this year and 15 next year.

30. When BANKS rejoined the meeting, Developer 2 asked him what he would need to support the Developers moving forward. BANKS responded that "fifty grand as soon as possible would help."

OWENS Introduces LUMUMBA to the Developers and Refines the Scheme

31. On February 12, 2024, OWENS arranged a dinner for himself, LUMUMBA, Smith, and the Developers. During OWENS's introduction of the Developers to LUMUMBA, OWENS stated: "I've done background checks. They're not FBI by the way." OWENS also explained to LUMUMBA that the Developers "had shifted [their] focus to the RFP/RFQ related to the convention area hotels."

32. Following dinner, OWENS, SMITH, and the Developers went to the back room of Company A's place of business. There, they discussed how they would continue to secure the support of the City Council. Developer 2 expressed concern that they still did not have enough votes secured. In response, OWENS stated that the following day, he would get the Developers

three more votes. **OWENS** explained that the Developers already had “the leadership” through **LUMUMBA** and **BANKS**, and that he would next get the Developers “the pawns.”

33. **OWENS** also explained that, because public officials finance their personal lives through their campaign accounts, campaign contributions were the most effective way to influence them, so long as the money came from within the state of Mississippi. To that end, **OWENS** said that to “clean” the money, he planned to deposit all cash provided to him by the Developers into a bank account owned by a Mississippi company. **OWENS** then stated:

I don't give a shit where the money comes from. It can come from blood diamonds in Africa, I don't give a fucking shit. I'm a whole DA. Fuck that shit. My job, as I understand it, with a little paperwork, is to get this deal done, and get it done most effectively . . . We can take dope boy money. I don't give a shit. But I need to clean it and spread it. I can do it in here. That's why we have businesses. To clean the money. Right? I don't give a shit. You give us cash, we deposit it and give it back that way. That's easy.

OWENS Facilitates Bribes to BANKS and LEE

34. On February 13, 2024, **OWENS** and the Developers met in the back room of Company A. As previously planned, the Developers gave **OWENS** additional funds, in the amount of \$60,000, including \$25,000 for **OWENS**, \$25,000 for **BANKS**, and \$10,000 for **LEE**. **OWENS** pocketed his share and said that he would store the cash designated for **BANKS** and **LEE** in a safe at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office.

35. When **BANKS** arrived in the back room, **OWENS** gave **BANKS** an envelope with \$10,000 cash inside and told **BANKS** that the money was from the Developers. **BANKS** and **OWENS** understood that the money was being paid in exchange for **BANKS's** future vote(s) to approve the Developers' proposed development project. **OWENS** then inquired as to whether **BANKS** was “comfortable” walking around with the cash because it was “not a check like we

normally do.” **OWENS** told **BANKS** to “do what you need to do, if you need to document some of this, then document it.” **BANKS** said that he was going to “break it up.”

36. On the same evening, **BANKS** also accepted employment for a family member and a protective detail service from the Developers. Both were paid for by the Developers through **OWENS** via a Mississippi bank account. Between March and May 2024, the Developers spent approximately \$1,500 on **BANKS**’s protective detail and \$4,800 on **BANKS**’s family member’s employment.

37. Two days later, on or about February 15, 2024, **OWENS**, using the money from the Developers, paid off \$10,000 of **LEE**’s campaign debt via wire transfer from his campaign account. **OWENS** later sent the Developers proof of the payment via text message. **OWENS** and **LEE** understood that the debt payment was in exchange for **LEE**’s future vote(s) to approve the Developers’ proposed development project.

OWENS’s Plans for Future Bribes

38. On or about February 28, 2024, **OWENS**, **SMITH**, and the Developers met again at the War Room. During the meeting, **OWENS** explained that to ensure **LEE**’s votes at the various stages of the development project, they could pay **LEE** \$5,000 every month from **OWENS**’s campaign account.

39. At another point in the meeting, Developer 2 asked **OWENS** and **SMITH** “why do we need [**LUMUMBA**]?” **SMITH** responded that **LUMUMBA** “could make things a lot harder.” Later on in the conversation, **OWENS** informed the Developers that **LUMUMBA** had agreed to take a trip to Florida with the Developers. He further stated that it was important for the Developers to get **LUMUMBA** on their side because **LUMUMBA** could “do damage” to the Developers’ proposed development project throughout the RFQ and permitting processes by “mak[ing] it

difficult.”

40. **OWENS** then warned the Developers that they needed to be wary of attracting the attention of law enforcement and appearing like they were bribing public officials:

OWENS: Here's the thing, there is a very thin line from the appearances of you guys being federal agents. Right? There is a guy named Louis Armstrong, Louis Armstrong, right when [telecommunications company] first came to the City Council, they first came into Mississippi, you remember this?¹

SMITH: Mm-hmm. I do.

OWENS: They came in and were everybody's friends. They got a huge contract. And, somehow, they were able to show that Louis got something, right? So, we got to stay away from the “b-word.” Fund is not the “b-word.” The “b-word” is a bad word. We don't even say it. Right? You know what the “b-word” is, right?

41. **OWENS** then explained that while he still had \$15,000 set aside for **BANKS**, he and the Developers should either keep the money for the time being or use it to pay LEE, who they would be meeting that night. **OWENS** said that if they paid LEE, they would need to “clean it out like we always do, we'll put it in a campaign account, or directly wire it, you can wire it to the bank too, or I can handle that in increments like we've been doing it.” **OWENS** further stated that he had wired LEE's prior debt payment directly to the owner of her debt “because that's the only way I want the paper trail to look. Because, here's the thing, at the end of the fucking day, my most important job is to keep everybody out of jail or prison, because I'm not fucking going.”

42. **OWENS** then took an additional \$10,000 in cash from the Developers and put that money into a bag he had brought with him for that purpose. **OWENS** explained that the money would fund the Mississippi business account that he was creating for the Developers to conceal future payments to officials.

¹ A Jackson City Council member Louis E. Armstrong was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi in 1999 for extortion and bribery.

43. That evening, **OWENS** and the Developers met in the back room of Company A's place of business. They discussed the future trip to Florida with **LUMUMBA**, and **OWENS** laid out the plan to buy **LUMUMBA**'s support. Specifically, **OWENS** explained that because **LUMUMBA** would not take cash directly from the Developers, the Developers would need to give **OWENS** between \$50,000 and \$100,000 so that **OWENS** could deposit the cash and get "campaign contribution" checks with those funds from third parties in Mississippi. **OWENS** emphasized that if the Developers gave **LUMUMBA** \$100,000 in cash, "then everybody goes to jail because we gave over five thousand cash." **OWENS** went on to say that he kept the money given to him by the Developers in a safe at the District Attorney's Office mixed in with "dope money and drug money and more than a million dollars." **OWENS** made clear that he did not keep large amounts of cash at home because that money could be directly linked to him, while money kept mixed in with other funds in the District Attorney's Office safe could not be:

Because if someone comes in my motherfucking safe it's a million dollars in cash, it's a million dollars. You know what, if they come to my house, it reads like this "DA Owens had twenty grand in cash." The regular people who vote for me, who give me \$10 or a \$100 they can't count that much money. But guess what, in my safe at my DA office I got a million dollars in cash, guess what, your fucking ten grand don't matter, your fifteen grand it don't matter, I got a million dollars there. But guess what, at my house it matters.

The RFQ Deadline and Planning for the Trip with LUMUMBA

44. On or about March 5, 2024, **OWENS** and Developer 1 met in **OWENS**'s office at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office. During that meeting, they discussed the fact that the submission deadline for the downtown development project RFQ was extended from March 12, 2024, to April 30, 2024, to allow for additional submissions. **OWENS** also had multiple calls with a city employee, which he put on speaker phone for Developer 1 to hear. In those calls, he expressed his dissatisfaction with the extended deadline and his concern that others aside from the

Developers would bid for downtown development project.

45. During the same meeting, **OWENS** and Developer 1 discussed the impending trip to Florida with **LUMUMBA**. **OWENS** said that he would discuss with **LUMUMBA** the way in which **LUMUMBA** would "feel most comfortable" with receiving money from the Developers.

46. After the meeting, **OWENS** texted **LUMUMBA** the following:

Two things to chat about: when you have a moment. They came into town to submit their proposal but learned the deadline had been adjusted another 45 days presumably because no one else had applied.

Need to understand how to donate to your reelection campaign in a size able way that is most appropriate. Don't know if you have a PAC or when you are planning to or if we can through [sic] you a private fundraiser.

47. Later that day, **OWENS** and Developer 1 met again. **OWENS** informed Developer 1 that he had texted with **LUMUMBA**, that **LUMUMBA** was interested in taking the trip to Florida, and that **LUMUMBA** was aware of the Developers' desire to move the R1 Q submission deadline up. **OWENS** said that they would hold a "fundraiser" in Florida, and that they could either have "ten guys with ten checks" for **LUMUMBA** or **OWENS** could give **LUMUMBA** ten checks in one envelope. **OWENS** went on to tell Developer 1, "what we used to do, if people wanted to stay under the radar, you just give a bunch of different checks from a bunch of different companies."

48. Between on or about March 7, 2024, and March 9, 2024, **OWENS** and **LUMUMBA** spoke on the phone and exchanged texts regarding dates for the Florida trip. On the evening of March 9, 2024, **OWENS** texted **LUMUMBA**, stating that he was "outside."

49. On March 10, 2024, **OWENS** called Developer 1 to inform him that he had met with **LUMUMBA** the previous evening at **LUMUMBA**'s house, that everyone was "on one accord," and that they would give **LUMUMBA** \$50,000 at a "fundraiser" in Florida. To avoid

scrutiny. OWENS said that the plan was to split up the \$50,000 he received from the Developers into checks of \$5,000 or \$10,000. OWENS also said that he had assured LUMUMBA that the \$50,000 was just the beginning, and that LUMUMBA's "final number" was \$100,000. OWENS and LUMUMBA understood that the Developers were paying LUMUMBA in exchange for LUMUMBA taking official action to assist the Developers' in obtaining approval of their proposed development project.

50 On or about March 19, 2024, OWENS opened a Mississippi bank account in the name of the Developers' company for, at least in part, the purpose of funneling and concealing future bribe payments to public officials.

51 On or about March 22, 2024, OWENS and LUMUMBA exchanged texts to set up a meeting. Prior to the meeting, Developer 1 and OWENS spoke on the phone. During the call, OWENS stated that he and LUMUMBA had discussed the plan to split up the money into checks the night prior, and that he and LUMUMBA were set to meet that afternoon to discuss specifics. LUMUMBA and OWENS exchanged text messages following that call, including one from LUMUMBA to OWENS stating, "on the way."

OWENS Orchestrates Additional Bribes for LEE

52 On or about March 27, 2024, OWENS planned a dinner meeting for himself, LEE, the Developers, and others. OWENS organized the seating so that LEE was seated next to Developer 1. As previously planned by OWENS and the Developers, following dinner, LEE accepted a bag containing \$3,000 in cash from Developer 2, along with an offer to go shopping with Developer 2's credit card. LEE accepted those benefits in exchange for her future vote(s) to support the Developers' proposed development project. The following day, LEE spent more than \$6,000 on luxury goods using Developer 2's credit card.

BANKS Confirms Allegiance to the Developers

53. On March 28, 2024, **BANKS**, **OWENS**, **SMITH**, and the Developers met in the back room of Company A. During this meeting, the group discussed the RFQ submission deadline. **BANKS** stated that he was working to move the submission deadline back up and that, given his position, he could threaten to hold up the salary raises of city employees in order to achieve the Developers' ends. **BANKS** also assured the Developers that he would "make sure" they got the votes of certain council members.

OWENS Orchestrates LUMUMBA's Bribe Payment

54. On or about March 27 and 28, 2024, after the Developers delivered \$50,000 in cash to **OWENS** at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office, **OWENS** converted that money into five \$10,000 "campaign contribution" checks from **SMITH**, **OWENS**, Company B, and two other associates of **OWENS**. **OWENS** reimbursed **SMITH** and the two associates in full.

55. On April 2, 2024, **OWENS**, **LUMUMBA**, **SMITH**, and the Developers traveled to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida via a private jet paid for by the FBI on behalf of the Developers. That same day, **OWENS** and **LUMUMBA** met with the Developers in a private room on a yacht. That meeting was audio and video recorded. The following exchange was captured:

OWENS: We want to be very mindful of out-of-state money.

LUMUMBA: Yeah.

OWENS: So what this team did was give us the money, being me, and we just filtered it through several accounts in a way we comfortable doing.

LUMUMBA: Yeah.

OWENS: So we did five \$10,000 checks to make it very simple, and then when we get past the process, to our second phase, maybe in Jackson, maybe somewhere else ... we'll do something similar.

LUMUMBA: Yeah.

OWENS: -- to make sure there's no worries about you financially in this thing cause you're as big part of this thing as anybody.

56. Developer 1 then asked **LUMUMBA** to have the RFQ submission deadline moved up from April 30, 2024, to April 10 or 15, 2024. **LUMUMBA** then placed a telephone call to a city employee in which he directed the city employee to move the RFQ submission deadline to April 15, 2024:



57. Later in the discussion, Developer 2 handed five \$10,000 checks to **LUMUMBA** in an envelope. **OWENS** then stated: "These checks are Mississippi checks but they're from this group." **LUMUMBA** stated: "Okay."



58. **OWENS** and **LUMUMBA** understood that the money from the Developers was in exchange for **LUMUMBA** directing his subordinate to move the RFQ submission deadline up. **OWENS** and **LUMUMBA** also understood that the change in the RFQ deadline was worth more than \$5,000 given the resulting likelihood of elimination of competition for the Developers' desired development project and given the Developers' agreement to pay **LUMUMBA** \$50,000 to move up the deadline and to pay him an additional \$50,000 in the future.

59. Developer 2 then directly asked **LUMUMBA** whether the RFQ submission deadline would in fact be moved up. **LUMUMBA** then checked his text messages and informed the Developers that the city employee he had called had confirmed that the RFQ submission deadline would be moved.

60. Later that same day, **OWENS** had a separate discussion with the Developers and accepted an additional \$50,000 in cash contained in a bag from Developer 2 for his services. **OWENS** removed the cash from the bag and put it in his pockets.



61. During the evening of April 2, 2024, as planned by **OWENS** and as agreed by **LUMUMBA** in advance of the trip to Florida, **OWENS**, **LUMUMBA**, the Developers, and others went to a local club. Before heading to the club, **OWENS** directed the Developers to make cash available for **LUMUMBA**'s use at the club. Pursuant to **OWENS**'s instruction, Developer 2 made \$5,000 cash available for **LUMUMBA** and others' use at the club. While at the club, **LUMUMBA** also directed Developer 2 to pay cash to employees of the club for **LUMUMBA**'s benefit.

62. Following **LUMUMBA**'s return to Jackson, Mississippi, on or about April 4, 2024, the five \$10,000 checks **LUMUMBA** received on April 2, 2024, from Developer 2 were deposited into **LUMUMBA**'s campaign bank account. Prior to that deposit, the account's balance was approximately \$465.30.

63. On or about April 5, 2024, a check in the amount of \$9,500 was made payable to **LUMUMBA** from his campaign account. On or about April 8, 2024, a check in the amount of \$5,000 was made payable to **LUMUMBA** from his campaign account. Both checks were ultimately cashed.

Partial Recovery of Funds Paid to OWENS

64. Between February and April 2024, OWENS made numerous cash deposits at banks around Hinds County, Mississippi. Approximately \$18,000 of those deposits consisted of money paid to OWENS by the Developers. The FBI identified the money via serial numbers.

65. On May 22, 2024, pursuant to a judicially authorized search warrant, the FBI conducted a search of OWENS's office at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office. The search revealed a small lockbox made to appear like a book bearing the title "The Constitution of the United States of America." The FBI discovered approximately \$20,000 in cash within the container, approximately \$9,900 of which was confirmed via serial numbers to be the cash paid to OWENS by the Developers on December 13, 2023.²



² The FBI recovered no other safes or lockboxes from OWENS's office at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office.



Count One
Conspiracy
(18 U.S.C. § 371)

66. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

67. Beginning no later than October 2023, and continuing until at least May 23, 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendants, **JODY E. OWENS II**, **AARON B. BANKS**, and **CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA**, together with **ANGELIQUE LEE**, **SHIRIK MARVE SMITH**, and others known and unknown, did knowingly and unlawfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other, to commit the following offenses against the United States:

a. For the Developers, through **OWENS** and **SMITH**, to corruptly give, offer, and agree to give things of value, that is \$10,000 in cash and other benefits to **BANKS**, approximately \$19,000 in cash and other benefits to **LEE**, and \$50,000 in campaign contributions to **LUMUMBA**, with the intent to influence **BANKS**, **LUMUMBA**, and **LEE** in connection with

any business, transaction, and series of transactions of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, valued at \$5,000 or more, to wit: **BANKS's** and **LEE's** votes to approve and support the Developers' proposed development project, and **LUMUMBA's** direction of a City of Jackson employee to shorten the RFQ submission deadline to benefit the Developers, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(2).

b. For **BANKS, LUMUMBA, and LEE**, agents of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to corruptly solicit, demand, accept, and agree to receive and accept anything of value—that is cash, campaign contributions, and other benefits—from the Developers via **OWENS**, in exchange for being influenced in connection with any business, transaction, and series of transactions of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, valued at \$5,000 or more, to wit: **LEE's** and **BANKS's** votes to approve the Developers' proposed development project and **LUMUMBA's** direction of a City of Jackson employee to shorten the RFQ submission deadline to benefit the Developers, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B).

c. For **OWENS and LUMUMBA** to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and deprive, by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, of their right to the honest services of **LUMUMBA**, the Mayor of the City of Jackson, through bribery to influence **LUMUMBA's** official acts and to induce him to do acts in violation of his official duty, and to knowingly and intentionally transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate commerce writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds for the purpose of executing such a scheme and artifice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346.

d. For **OWENS** and **LUMUMBA**, knowing the property involved in a financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, to knowingly conduct and attempt to conduct a financial transaction which in fact involved the proceeds of a specific unlawful activity, that is federal program bribery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 666(a)(2) and 666(a)(1)(B), and honest services wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346, knowing the transaction was designed in whole or in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of the specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

Object of the Conspiracy

68. It was the object of the conspiracy for **OWENS** and **SMITH** to enrich themselves by facilitating and executing a bribery scheme on behalf of the Developers.

69. It was a further object of the conspiracy for **BANKS**, **LUMUMBA**, and **LEE** to use their official positions in the government of the City of Jackson to benefit and enrich themselves through bribery.

70. It was a further object of the conspiracy for **OWENS** and **LUMUMBA** to defraud and deprive, by means of material and false pretenses, representations, and promises, the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, of their right to the honest services of **LUMUMBA**, the Mayor of the City of Jackson, through bribery.

71. It was a further object of the conspiracy to conceal **OWENS**, **BANKS**, **LUMUMBA**, **SMITH**, and **LEE**'s unlawful activities from the public and law enforcement.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

72. The manner and means by which the defendants carried out the conspiracy included, but were not limited to, the following:

- a. In exchange for his own financial gain, **OWENS**, with assistance from **SMITH**, used his connections as an official of Hinds County to connect the Developers with public officials whom **OWENS** believed would be ready, willing, open, and predisposed to an opportunity to receive bribes, namely **BANKS**, **LUMUMBA**, and **LEE**.
- b. **OWENS**, on behalf of the Developers, negotiated, offered, and organized bribe payments of: (1) \$10,000 in cash, a protective detail service, and a family member's employment for **BANKS**; (2) \$50,000 in campaign contributions for **LUMUMBA**; and (3) approximately \$19,000 in debt payment, cash, and shopping for luxury goods for **LEE**.
- c. **BANKS** and **LEE** solicited and accepted the aforementioned bribes in exchange for their votes in support of the Developers' proposed development project.
- d. **LUMUMBA** solicited and accepted the aforementioned bribes in exchange for shortening the RFQ deadline to ensure that the Developers' proposed development project would be selected.
- e. **OWENS** and **LUMUMBA** concealed the \$50,000 bribe payment to **LUMUMBA** from the public, the United States, and law-enforcement authorities by, among other things, funneling the bribe payment through third-party individuals and entities. **LUMUMBA** further concealed the bribe payment by depositing the \$50,000 into his campaign account.

Overt Acts in Furtherance of the Conspiracy

73. In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to effect its illegal objects, the following overt acts, among others, were committed and caused to be committed in the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere:

a. On December 13, 2023, **OWENS** accepted approximately \$125,000 in cash from the Developers to facilitate the bribery scheme.

b. On January 11, 2024, **OWENS** and **BANKS** determined that the price for **BANKS's** support of and vote(s) for the Developers' proposed development project would be \$50,000 and communicated that price to the Developers.

c. On February 13, 2024, **OWENS** offered, and **BANKS** accepted, \$10,000 from the Developers in exchange for **BANKS's** future vote(s) in support of the Developers' proposed development project.

f. On February 15, 2024, **OWENS** paid off \$10,000 of **LEE's** campaign debt with funds from the Developers in exchange for **LEE's** future vote(s) in support of the Developers' proposed development project.

g. Between March 24, 2024, and April 1, 2024, **OWENS** converted \$50,000 in cash he received from the Developers for **LUMUMBA's** bribe payment into five \$10,000 campaign-contribution checks from third parties, including **SMITH**.

h. On April 2, 2024, at a sham campaign fundraiser for **LUMUMBA**, **OWENS** delivered the five \$10,000 checks to **LUMUMBA** in exchange for **LUMUMBA's** official acts in favor of the Developers, including shortening the RFQ submission deadline.

i. On April 2, 2024, during a meeting between **OWENS**, **LUMUMBA**, and the Developers on a yacht in Florida, and contemporaneous to **LUMUMBA** receiving the five

\$10,000 checks. **LUMUMBA** called a City of Jackson employee, who was in Jackson, Mississippi, and instructed that employee to move the RFQ submission deadline from April 30, 2024, to April 15, 2024, to benefit the Developers, causing wire transmissions in interstate commerce.

j. On April 4, 2024, **LUMUMBA** caused five \$10,000 checks to be deposited into **LUMUMBA's** campaign account.

k. On April 5, 2024, a check in the amount of \$9,500 was made payable to **LUMUMBA** from his campaign account.

l. On April 8, 2024, a check in the amount of \$5,000 was made payable to **LUMUMBA** from his campaign account.

All in violation Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

Count Two
Federal Program Bribery
(18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(2))

74. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

75. In or about January 2024 through March 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **JODY E. OWENS II**, did corruptly give, offer, and agree to give things of value, that is \$10,000 in cash and other things of value to **AARON B. BANKS**, the President of the Jackson City Council, with the intent of influencing and rewarding **BANKS** in connection with any business, transaction, and series of transactions of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, valued at \$5,000 or more, to wit: **BANKS's** vote(s) in support of the Developers' proposed development project.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(2).

Count Three
Federal Program Bribery
(18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B))

76. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

77. In or about January 2024 through February 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **AARON B. BANKS**, the President of the Jackson City Council, corruptly solicited and demanded for his own benefit and accepted and agreed to accept things of value from **JODY E. OWENS II** and the Developers, that is \$10,000 in cash and other things of value, intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with a business, transaction, and series of transactions of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, valued at \$5,000 or more, to wit: **BANKS's** vote(s) in support of the Developers' proposed development project.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B).

Count Four
Federal Program Bribery
(18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(2))

78. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

79. In or about February 2024 through April 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **JODY E. OWENS II**, did corruptly give, offer, and agree to give things of value, that is \$50,000 in campaign contributions, to **CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA** with the intent of influencing and rewarding **LUMUMBA** in connection with any business, transaction, and series of transactions in Jackson, Mississippi,

valued at \$5,000 or more, to wit: LUMUMBA's direction to a City of Jackson employee to shorten the RFQ submission deadline for the downtown development project to benefit the Developers.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(2).

Count 5
Federal Program Bribery
(18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B))

80. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

81. In or about February 2024 through April 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA**, corruptly solicited and demanded for his own benefit and accepted and agreed to accept things of value from **JODY E. OWENS II** and the Developers, that is \$50,000 in campaign contributions, intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with a business, transaction, and series of transactions of Jackson, Mississippi, valued at \$5,000 or more, to wit: LUMUMBA's direction to a City of Jackson employee to shorten the RFQ submission deadline to benefit the Developers.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B).

Count 6
Federal Program Bribery
(18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(2))

82. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

83. In or about February 2024 through March 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **JODY E. OWENS II**, did corruptly give, offer, and agree to give things of value, that is, cash and other things of value, to **ANGELIQUE LEE**, with the intent of influencing and rewarding LEE in connection with any

business, transaction, and series of transactions in Jackson, Mississippi, valued at \$5,000 or more, to wit: LEE's voters) in support of the Developers' proposed development project.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(2).

Count 7

**Use of an Interstate Facility in Aid of Racketeering – Travel Act
(18 U.S.C. § 1952(a)(3))**

84. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

85. On or about April 2, 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA**, knowingly and intentionally used and caused to be used a facility in interstate commerce, namely a telephone, a wire, and electronic communication, with the intent to promote, manage, establish, carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of an unlawful activity, that is bribery, in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 97-11-13, and thereafter performed and attempted to perform an act to promote, manage, establish, and carry on, and to facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of the above unlawful activity.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2.

Count 8

**Use of an Interstate Facility in Aid of Racketeering – Travel Act
(18 U.S.C. § 1952(a)(3))**

86. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

87. In or about March 2024 through April 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **JODY E. OWENS II**, knowingly and intentionally used and caused to be used a facility in interstate and foreign commerce, namely

a telephone, a wire, and electronic communication, with the intent to promote, manage, establish, carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of an unlawful activity, that is bribery, in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 97-11-11, and thereafter performed and attempted to perform an act to promote, manage, establish, and carry on, and to facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of the above unlawful activity.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(3) and 2.

Count 9
Honest Services Wire Fraud
(18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1346, and 2)

88. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

89. Beginning no later than March 2024 and continuing until at least April 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendants, **CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA** and **JODY E. OWENS II**, aiding and abetting each other, devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and deprive, by means of material and false pretenses, representations, and promises, the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, of their right to the honest services of **LUMUMBA**, the Mayor of the City of Jackson, through bribery.

90. During an April 2, 2024, meeting between **OWENS**, **LUMUMBA**, and the Developers on a yacht in Florida, and contemporaneous to **LUMUMBA** receiving five \$10,000 checks from third parties, **LUMUMBA**, for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme and artifice to defraud and deprive, transmitted and caused to be transmitted by means of wire communications in and affecting interstate commerce writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, to wit: **LUMUMBA** called a City of Jackson employee who was in Jackson, Mississippi, and instructed that employee to shorten the RFQ submission deadline to benefit the Developers.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343, 1346, and 2.

Count 10
Money Laundering
(18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i))

91. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

92. On or about April 2, 2024 through April 9, 2024, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi, and elsewhere, the defendants, **JODY E. OWENS II** and **CHOKWE ANTAR LUMUMBA**, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly conduct and attempt to conduct a financial transaction, to wit: the deposit of \$50,000 in campaign contributions, knowing that the \$50,000 represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, which in fact involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, that is, federal program bribery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 666(a)(2) and 666(a)(1)(B), and honest services wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346, with the transaction affecting interstate commerce, and knowing that the transaction was designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the source of the proceeds of said specified unlawful activity, and knowing the transactions were designed in whole or in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of the specified unlawful activity.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and 2.

Count 11
False Statements
(18 U.S.C. § 1001)

93. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated in this Count as if fully set forth herein.

94. On or about May 22, 2024, in Hinds County, in the Northern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, **JODY E. OWENS II**, willfully and knowingly made and caused to be made a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and representation in a matter within the jurisdiction of a department or agency of the United States, namely the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when, in an interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Jackson, Mississippi, he was asked whether there were any safes or lockboxes in his office at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office and falsely responded that "none exist," even though **OWENS** knew that he had a lockbox or safe in his office at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2).

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

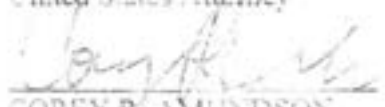
As a result of committing the offenses as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States all property involved in or traceable to property involved in the offenses, including but not limited to all proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the offenses, and all property used to facilitate the offenses. Further, if any property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant: (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property, which cannot be divided without difficulty, then it is the intent of the United States to seek a judgment of forfeiture of any other property of the defendant, up to the value of the property described in this notice or any bill of particulars supporting it.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(1), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2-61.



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United States Attorney



COREY R. AMUNDSON

Chief, Public Integrity Section
U.S. Department of Justice

A TRUE BILL:
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Foreperson of the Grand Jury

This Indictment was returned in open court by the foreperson or deputy foreperson of the Grand Jury on this the 23rd day of October 2024.



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
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PLEA AGREEMENT

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Defendant herein, and Thomas J. Bellinder, Jeffrey L. Edison, and Gerald K. Evelyn, attorneys for Defendant, have been notified and understand and agree to the items contained herein, as well as in the Plea Supplement, and that:

1. **Counts of Conviction.** It is understood that, as of the date of this plea agreement, Defendant and Defendant's attorneys have indicated that Defendant desires to plead guilty to Count 1 of the indictment.

2. **Sentence.** Defendant understands that the penalty for the offense charged in Count 1 of the indictment, charging a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 is not more than 5 years in prison; a term of supervised release of not more than 3 years; and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Defendant further understands that if a term of supervised release is imposed, that term will be in addition to any prison sentence Defendant receives; further, if any of the terms of Defendant's supervised release are violated, Defendant can be returned to prison for the entire term of supervised release, without credit for any time already served on the term of supervised release prior to Defendant's violation of those conditions.

It is further understood that the Court may require Defendant to pay restitution in this matter in accordance with applicable law. Defendant further understands that Defendant is liable to make restitution for the full amount of the loss determined by the Court, to include relevant conduct, which amount is not limited to the counts of conviction. Defendant further understands that if the Court orders Defendant to pay restitution, restitution payments cannot be made to the victim directly but must be made to the Clerk of Court, Southern District of Mississippi. Defendant understands that an order of forfeiture will be entered by the Court as a part of Defendant's sentence and that such order is mandatory.



3. **Determination of Sentencing Guidelines.** It is further understood that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only and that Defendant and Defendant's attorney have discussed the fact that the Court must review the Guidelines in reaching a decision as to the appropriate sentence in this case, but the Court may impose a sentence other than that indicated by the Guidelines if the Court finds that another sentence would be more appropriate. Defendant specifically acknowledges that Defendant is not relying upon anyone's calculation of a particular Guideline range for the offense to which Defendant is entering this plea, and Defendant recognizes that the Court will make the final determination of the sentence and that Defendant may be sentenced up to the maximum penalties set forth above.

4. **Breach of This Agreement and Further Crimes.** It is further understood that should Defendant fail or refuse as to any part of this plea agreement or commit any further crimes, then, at its discretion, the U.S. Attorney may treat such conduct as a breach of this plea agreement and Defendant's breach shall be considered sufficient grounds for the pursuit of any prosecutions which the U.S. Attorney has not sought as a result of this plea agreement, including any such prosecutions that might have been dismissed or otherwise barred by the Double Jeopardy Clause or any applicable statute of limitations, and any federal criminal violation of which this office has knowledge.

5. **Financial Obligations.** It is further understood and specifically agreed to by Defendant that, at the time of the execution of this document or at the time the plea is entered, Defendant will then and there pay over the special assessment of \$100.00 per count required by Title 18, United States Code, Section 3013, to the Office of the United States District Court Clerk; Defendant shall thereafter produce proof of payment to the U.S. Attorney or the U.S. Probation Office. If the Defendant is adjudged to be indigent, payment of the special assessment at the time the plea is entered is waived, but Defendant agrees that it may be made payable first from any funds available to Defendant while Defendant is incarcerated. Defendant understands and agrees that pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3613, whatever monetary penalties are imposed by the Court will be due and payable immediately and subject to immediate enforcement by the United States as provided in Section 3613. Furthermore, Defendant agrees to complete a Department of Justice Financial Statement no later than seven days after the guilty plea is entered and provide same to the United States Attorney's Office. Defendant agrees to complete and provide updated Department of Justice Financial Statements at any time prior to sentencing as directed by the United States Attorney's Office.

Defendant also agrees to provide all of Defendant's financial information the Probation Office and, if requested, to participate in a pre-sentencing debtor's examination. If the Court imposes a schedule of payments, Defendant understands that the schedule of payments is merely a minimum schedule of payments and not the only method, nor a limitation on the methods, available to the United States to enforce the judgment. If Defendant is incarcerated, Defendant agrees to participate in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program regardless of whether the Court specifically directs participation or imposes a schedule of payments. Defendant understands and agrees that Defendant shall participate in the Treasury Offset Program until any and all monetary penalties are satisfied and paid in full by Defendant.

6. **Transferring and Liquidating Assets.** Defendant understands and agrees that Defendant is prohibited from transferring or liquidating any and all assets held or owned by Defendant as of the date this Plea Agreement is signed. Defendant must obtain prior written approval from the U.S. Attorney's Financial Litigation Unit prior to the transfer or liquidation of any and all assets after this Plea Agreement is signed and if Defendant fails to do so the Defendant understands and agrees that an unapproved transfer or liquidation of any asset shall be deemed a fraudulent transfer or liquidation.

7. **Future Direct Contact With Defendant.** Defendant and Defendant's attorney acknowledge that if forfeiture, restitution, a fine, or special assessment or any combination of forfeiture, restitution, fine, and special assessment is ordered in Defendant's case that this will require regular contact with Defendant during any period of incarceration, probation, and supervised release. Further, Defendant and Defendant's attorney understand that it is essential that defense counsel contact the U.S. Attorney's Financial Litigation Unit immediately after sentencing in this case to confirm in writing whether defense counsel will continue to represent Defendant in this case and in matters involving the collection of the financial obligations imposed by the Court. If the U.S. Attorney does not receive any written acknowledgment from defense counsel within two weeks from the date of the entry of Judgment in this case, the U.S. Attorney will presume that defense counsel no longer represents Defendant and the Financial Litigation Unit will communicate directly with Defendant regarding collection of the financial obligations imposed by the Court. Defendant and Defendant's attorney understand and agree that such direct contact with Defendant shall not be deemed an improper *ex parte* contact with Defendant if defense counsel fails to notify the U.S. Attorney of any continued legal representation within two weeks after the date of entry of the Judgment in this case.

8. **Waivers.** Defendant, knowing and understanding all of the matters aforesaid, including the maximum possible penalty that could be imposed, and being advised of Defendant's rights to remain silent, to trial by jury, to subpoena witnesses on Defendant's own behalf, to confront the witnesses against Defendant, and to appeal the conviction and sentence, in exchange for the U.S. Attorney entering into this plea agreement and accompanying plea supplement, hereby expressly waives the following rights:

- a. the right to appeal the conviction and sentence imposed in this case, or the manner in which that sentence was imposed, on the grounds set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742, or on any ground whatsoever, and
- b. the right to contest the conviction and sentence or the manner in which the sentence was imposed in any post-conviction proceeding, on any ground whatsoever, including but not limited to a motion brought under Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255, and any type of proceeding claiming double jeopardy or excessive penalty as a result of any forfeiture ordered or to be ordered in this case, and
- c. any right to seek attorney fees and/or costs under the "Hyde Amendment," Title 18, United States Code, Section 3006A, and the Defendant acknowledges that the government's position in the instant prosecution was not vexatious, frivolous, or in bad faith, and

- d. all rights, whether asserted directly or by a representative, to request or receive from any department or agency of the United States any records pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case, including without limitation any records that may be sought by Defendant or by Defendant's representative under the Freedom of Information Act, set forth at Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, or the Privacy Act of 1974, at Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a.
- e. Defendant further acknowledges that Defendant's attorney has advised Defendant of Defendant's rights under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(f) and Federal Rule of Evidence 410. Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives these rights and agrees that such waiver becomes effective upon Defendant's signing of this Plea Agreement. Defendant agrees that this Plea Agreement and accompanying Plea Supplement, along with any and all factual statements, made, adopted, or admitted by Defendant in any form or forum including at Defendant's change of plea hearing and in any debriefings with the government (regardless of whether these debriefings may have been conducted pursuant to a "proffer agreement" or other form of agreement between the parties), can be used against Defendant, without limitation, at any time in any proceeding, including at any trial in this case, should Defendant fail or refuse to fulfill any part of this Plea Agreement and accompanying Plea Supplement and/or should Defendant commit any further crimes, regardless of whether this Plea Agreement and accompanying Plea Supplement have been accepted by the Court.
- f. Defendant waives any challenges to venue in this district.
- g. It is further agreed that should any conviction following the defendant's plea of guilty pursuant to this Plea Agreement be vacated for any reason, or should the Defendant fail or refuse to fulfill any part of this Plea Agreement and accompanying Plea Supplement (including by failing or refusing to plead guilty before the Court), or should the Court refuse to accept this Plea Agreement and accompanying Plea Supplement, then any prosecution that is not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date of the signing of this Plea Agreement (including any counts that the United States has agreed not to prosecute or to dismiss at sentencing pursuant to this Plea Agreement) may be commenced or reinstated against the defendant, notwithstanding the expiration of the statute of limitations between the signing of this Plea Agreement and the commencement or reinstatement of such prosecution. It is the defendant's intent in entering this Plea Agreement to waive all defenses based on the statute of limitations with respect to any prosecution that is not time-barred on the date that this Plea Agreement is signed.
- h. Defendant further acknowledges and agrees that any factual issues regarding the sentencing will be resolved by the sentencing judge under a preponderance of the evidence standard, and Defendant waives any right to a jury determination of these sentencing issues. Defendant further agrees that, in making its sentencing decision, the district court may consider any relevant evidence without regard to its admissibility under the rules of evidence applicable at trial.

- i. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendant retains the right to pursue a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel based on information not now known to Defendant and, which in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not be known at the time of sentence.

Defendant waives these rights in exchange for the United States Attorney entering into this plea agreement and accompanying plea supplement.

By signing this Plea Agreement, Defendant admits that he is in fact guilty of Conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 as set forth in Count 1 of the Indictment.

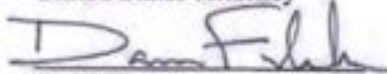
9. **Complete Agreement.** It is further understood that this plea agreement and the plea supplement completely reflects all promises, agreements and conditions made by and between the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi and Defendant.

Defendant and Defendant's attorney of record declare that the terms of this plea agreement have been:

1. READ BY OR TO DEFENDANT;
2. EXPLAINED TO DEFENDANT BY DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY;
3. UNDERSTOOD BY DEFENDANT;
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WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, as set forth below.

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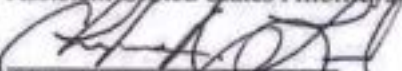
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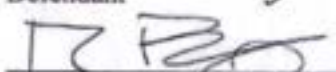
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Pending Counts

CONSPIRACY

(1)

FEDERAL PROGRAM BRIBERY

(5)

USE OF AN INTERSTATE FACILITY IN

AID OF RACKETEERING - TRAVEL

ACT

(7)

HONEST SERVICES WIRE FRAUD

(9)

MONEY LAUNDERING

(10)

Disposition**Highest Offense Level (Opening)**

Felony

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition**Highest Offense Level (Terminated)**

None

Complaints

None

Disposition**Interested Party**

Probation Jackson

Interested Party

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10/23/2024	<u>1</u>	MOTION to Seal Case by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (cwl) (Entered: 10/24/2024)
10/23/2024	<u>2</u>	ORDER granting <u>1</u> Motion to Seal Case as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3) Signed by Magistrate Judge Bradley W. Rath on 10/23/2024 (cwl) (Entered: 10/24/2024)
10/23/2024	<u>3</u>	INDICTMENT REDACTED as to Jody E. Owens, II (1) count(s) 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2) count(s) 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, Aaron B. Banks (3) count(s) 1, 3. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Maximum Penalty Owens-Lumumba-Banks, # <u>2</u> Notice of Maximum Penalty Lumumba-Owens, # <u>3</u> Notice of Maximum Penalty Owens-Lumumba, # <u>4</u> Criminal Cover Sheet Owens, # <u>5</u> Criminal Cover Sheet Lumumba, # <u>6</u> Criminal Cover Sheet Banks) (cwl). (Entered: 10/24/2024)
10/23/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE OF JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (cwl) (Entered: 10/24/2024)
10/23/2024	<u>7</u>	Praecipe for Warrant by USA as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (cwl) (Entered: 10/24/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>12</u>	MOTION to Unseal Case by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>13</u>	ORDER granting <u>12</u> Motion to Unseal Case as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3). Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 11/7/24 (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)

11/07/2024		NOTICE OF HEARING as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks Arraignment/Initial Appearance set for 11/7/2024 01:30 PM in Courtroom 6D (Jackson) Isaac before Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Kimberly Taft Purdie-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Purdie-Federal Gov, Kimberly) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Nicholas W. Cannon-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Cannon-Federal Gov, Nicholas) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Madison Mumma-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Mumma-Federal Gov, Madison) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>19</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac: Arraignment/Initial Appearance as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks held on 11/7/2024. APPEARANCES: Kimberly Purdie, Madison Mumma and Nicholas W. Cannon for the Government; Robert McDuff, Gary Bufkin, and Warren Gary Kohlman, counsel for Defendant Jody Owens; Winston Thompson and Thomas Bellinder, counsel for Defendant Chokwe Lumumba. E. Carlos Tanner, III, counsel for Defendant Aaron Banks; Latoya Judson and Trey Tucker, USPOs. Each Defendant was present in the courtroom. The instant hearing was held as to all Defendants. Each Defendant waived the reading of the indictment, and each Defendant entered a plea of not guilty as to all counts. The government did not seek detention. Each Defendant was granted bond and released after processing with the USM and USPO. Tape Number: 11/7/24 LGI. (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>20</u>	⚡ Digital Audio File as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks regarding Arraignment/Initial Appearance 19 held on 11/7/24 before Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Isaac. AUDIO FILE size (16.1 MB) (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>33</u>	WAIVER of Court-Appointed Counsel by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>34</u>	BRADY ORDER as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 11/7/24 (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>35</u>	ORDER Regarding Discovery as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 11/7/24 (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>36</u>	TRIAL ORDER as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba Jury Trial set for 1/6/2025 09:00 AM in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 11/7/24 (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>37</u>	Unsecured Bond Entered as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/07/2024	<u>38</u>	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2) \$10,000.00 Unsecured Bond. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 11/7/24 (NL) (Entered: 11/07/2024)
11/13/2024		Attorney update in case as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba. Attorney Thomas J. Bellinder for Chokwe Antar Lumumba added. (NL) (Entered: 11/13/2024)
11/14/2024		Set/Reset Hearings as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: Motion N-Dispositive Deadline due by December 6, 2025, and Motion

		Dispositive Deadline due by December 17, 2025. Pretrial Conference set for a special setting on December 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before Chief District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III.(SP) (Entered: 11/14/2024)
11/19/2024	<u>44</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Pro Hoc Vice Attorney: Jeffrey L. Edison. (Paid \$100 PHV fee; receipt number AMSSDC-5550552)by Thomas J. Bellinder as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit - CGS)(Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 11/19/2024)
11/19/2024	<u>45</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Original Attorney: Gerald Evelyn. (Paid \$100 PHV fee; receipt number AMSSDC-5550832)by Thomas J. Bellinder as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit - CGS)(Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 11/19/2024)
11/20/2024	<u>46</u>	Joint MOTION to Continue , <i>Designate Case as Complex, and Reselt Pretrial Deadlines</i> by Charles W. Kirkham-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Entered: 11/20/2024)
11/20/2024	<u>47</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Winston James Thompson, III appearing for Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Thompson, Winston) (Entered: 11/20/2024)
11/21/2024		TEXT ONLY ORDER granting <u>44</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Pro Hac as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2); granting <u>45</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Pro Hac as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2). That Attorneys, Jeffrey L. Edison and Gerald Evelyn, be admitted pro hac vice in this case on behalf of Defendant, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, in association with local counsel conditioned upon completion of the registration procedures found on the Court's website and at the following link: https://www.mssd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions-page . NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER WILL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 11/21/24 (NL) (Entered: 11/21/2024)
11/22/2024		Attorney update in case as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba. Attorney Jeffrey L. Edison - PHV,Gerald K. Evelyn - PHV for Chokwe Antar Lumumba added. (cwl) (Entered: 11/22/2024)
11/26/2024	<u>48</u>	ORDER granting <u>46</u> Motion to Continue as to Jody E. Owens II(1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2), and Aaron B. Banks(3): As set out in the Order, the Court will grant the motion and declare that the case is complex. The Court grants a continuance, the new dates will be set in a separate order after the parties have conferred and submitted to the Court (1) how many days, including jury selection, will be needed for the trial of this matter and (2) three trial dates mutually agreeable to the parties. This information must be submitted to the Court within fourteen days of this Order. The Court will then issue its order granting the continuance and setting the case for trial. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on November 26, 2024. (SP) (Entered: 11/26/2024)
12/09/2024	<u>49</u>	MOTION for Protective Order by Nicholas W. Cannon-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Cannon-Federal Gov, Nicholas) (Entered: 12/09/2024)
02/03/2025	<u>57</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Winston James Thompson, III as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Thompson, Winston) (Entered: 02/03/2025)
02/04/2025		TEXT ONLY ORDER granting <u>57</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Winston James Thompson, III withdrawn from case as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2). Defendant

		Lumumba will continue to be represented by Thomas J. Bellinder, Gerald K. Evelyn PHV, and Jeffrey L. Edison - PHV. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 2/4/25 (NL) (Entered: 02/04/2025)
02/05/2025	<u>58</u>	ORDER granting <u>49</u> Motion for Protective Order as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3). Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 2/5/25 (NL) (Entered: 02/05/2025)
03/04/2025		NOTICE as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: Status Conference set for March 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM CST in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III.(SP) (Entered: 03/04/2025)
03/07/2025		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Status Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on March 7, 2025. APPEARING: Nicholas W. Cannon and Madison Mumma (USDOJ - via video); Charles W. Kirkham and Kimberly T. Purdie (AUSA - in person); T. Gerry Bufkin (in person), Robert B. McDuff and W. Gary Kohlman (via video), counsel for Defendant Owens; Thomas J. Bellinder (in person), Gerald K. Evelyn and Jeffrey L. Edison (via video), counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner III and R. Thomas Rich (in person), counsel for Defendant Banks. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Caroline Morgan (601) 608-4188 and E-mail: caroline_morgan@mssd.uscourts.gov. (SP) (Entered: 03/07/2025)
04/11/2025	<u>59</u>	AMENDED ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: The motion to continue this matter for trial, and extensions of deadlines, is granted. The trial is reset for July 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM (ELT: 6 weeks); the parties shall meet and confer no later than June 26, 2025, concerning any outstanding discovery issues; the parties shall appear before this Court for Status and Discovery Conferences on October 1, 2025 at 9:00 AM and April 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM; the Government shall produce all "in scope" cellular telephone data no later than April 7, 2025, and all transcripts relevant audio-and video-recorded communications no later than May 6, 2025; the motions deadline is February 6, 2026; and any defendant who chooses to plead guilty must notify the Court by May 29, 2026. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on April 11, 2025. (SP) (Entered: 04/11/2025)
04/11/2025		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: Discovery due by June 26, 2025; All Motions Deadline due by February 6, 2026; Plea Agreement due by May 29, 2026; Discovery/Status Conference set for October 1, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III; Discovery/Status Conference set for April 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III; and Jury Trial set for July 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM (ELT: 6 weeks) in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III. (SP) (Entered: 04/11/2025)
06/06/2025	<u>60</u>	NOTICE OF FILING OF OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT of Initial Appearance and Arraignment Proceedings as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks held on 11/07/2024 before Judge Lakeysha Isaac. Court Reporter/Transcriber Gabrielle Chambless, Telephone Number : 601-255-6432, E-mail : gabrielle_chambless@mssd.uscourts.gov. NOTICE RE : REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have seven (7) calendar days to file with the Court a Notice of Intent to Request Redaction of this transcript. If no Notice is filed, the transcript will be made electronically available to the public without redaction after 90

		calendar days. The policy is located on the court website at www.mssd.uscourts.gov . Transcript may be viewed at the court public terminal or purchased through the Court Reporter/Transcriber before the deadline for Release of Transcript Restriction. After that date it may be obtained through PACER. Redaction Request due 6/27/2025. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 7/7/2025. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 9/4/2025. (GC) (Entered: 06/06/2025)
06/26/2025	<u>61</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to Meet and Confer Regarding Discovery by Charles W. Kirkham-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Entered: 06/26/2025)
07/01/2025	<u>62</u>	Bill of Particulars by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Entered: 07/01/2025)
07/28/2025	<u>63</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Charles W. Kirkham-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Entered: 07/28/2025)
07/31/2025	<u>64</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE David H. Fulcher-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Fulcher-Federal Gov, David) (Entered: 07/31/2025)
08/06/2025	<u>65</u>	ORDER granting <u>61</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Meet and Confer Regarding Discovery as to Jody E. Owens II(1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2), Aaron B. Banks(3) as set out in the Order. The deadline to meet and confer concerning any outstanding discovery issues, originally set for June 26, 2025, is hereby extended to August 10, 2025. The remaining deadlines set forth in the Amended Order <u>59</u> shall remain in place. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on August 6, 2025. (SP) (Entered: 08/06/2025)
08/06/2025		TEXT ONLY ORDER granting <u>63</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Charles W. Kirkham-Federal Gov withdrawn from case as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3). Department of Justice Trial Attorney Nicholas W. Cannon will remain as lead counsel of record for the Government. Kimberly Taft Purdie, David H. Fulcher and Madison Mumma-Federal Gov - U. S. Department of Justice, CRM Division, shall also remain as counsel of record for the Government. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 8/6/25 (NL) (Entered: 08/06/2025)
10/01/2025		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Status Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on October 1, 2025. APPEARING: Nicholas W. Cannon, USDOJ (via Zoom), Kimberly T. Purdie and David H. Fulcher, AUSA (in person); W. Gary Kohlman (in person), T. Gerry Bufkin (in person), and Robert B. McDuff (in person), counsel for Defendant Owens; Thomas J. Bellinder (in person); Gerald K. Evelyn (via Zoom); and Jeffrey L. Edison (via Zoom), counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner III (in person) and R. Thomas Rich (in person), counsel for Defendant Banks. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Teri Norton (601) 608-4186 and E-mail: teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov . (SP) (Entered: 10/01/2025)
10/01/2025		TEXT ONLY ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: As stated on the record, the Government shall produce the remaining, currently existing, discovery by October 15, 2025. By October 29, 2025, Defendants must submit written inquiries to the Government regarding any questions or disputes over the Government's production. Finally, counsel for Defendant Owens and the

		Government shall contact the courtroom deputy within one week to set a Zoom hearing to finalize the conflict-of-interest issue. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on October 1, 2025. (SP) (Entered: 10/01/2025)
10/01/2025	<u>66</u>	NOTICE OF FILING OF OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT of STATUS CONFERENCE Proceedings as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks held on 10/1/2025 before Judge Daniel Jordan. Court Reporter/Transcriber Teri Norton, Telephone Number : 601-608-4186, E-mail : teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov. NOTICE RE : REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have seven (7) calendar days to file with the Court a Notice of Intent to Request Redaction of this transcript. If no Notice is filed, the transcript will be made electronically available to the public without redaction after 90 calendar days. The policy is located on the court website at www.mssd.uscourts.gov. Transcript may be viewed at the court public terminal or purchased through the Court Reporter/Transcriber before the deadline for Release of Transcript Restriction. After that date it may be obtained through PACER. Redaction Request due 10/22/2025. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/3/2025. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 12/30/2025. (TN) (Entered: 10/01/2025)
11/12/2025	<u>67</u>	ORDER granting [] Ore Tenus Motion (1). The Clerk shall issue the subpoena duces tecum so that it may be served. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 11/12/2025 (NL) (Entered: 11/12/2025)
11/18/2025	<u>69</u>	Subpoena Returned executed as to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.. (cwl) (Entered: 11/18/2025)
11/25/2025	<u>70</u>	NOTICE OF FILING OF OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT of Status Conference Proceedings as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks held on 03/07/2025 before Judge Daniel P. Jordan. Court Reporter/Transcriber Caroline Morgan, Telephone Number : 601-608-4188, E-mail : caroline_morgan@mssd.uscourts.gov. NOTICE RE : REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have seven (7) calendar days to file with the Court a Notice of Intent to Request Redaction of this transcript. If no Notice is filed, the transcript will be made electronically available to the public without redaction after 90 calendar days. The policy is located on the court website at www.mssd.uscourts.gov. Transcript may be viewed at the court public terminal or purchased through the Court Reporter/Transcriber before the deadline for Release of Transcript Restriction. After that date it may be obtained through PACER. Redaction Request due 12/16/2025. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 12/26/2025. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 2/23/2026. (CM) (Entered: 11/25/2025)
12/15/2025	<u>71</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Motions</i> by Kimberly Taft Purdie-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Purdie-Federal Gov, Kimberly) (Entered: 12/15/2025)
12/18/2025	<u>72</u>	ORDER granting <u>71</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File as to Jody E. Owens II(1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2), and Aaron B. Banks(3). The deadline to file motions, originally set for February 6, 2026, is hereby extended to February 27, 2026. The remaining deadlines set forth in the Amended Order <u>59</u> shall remain in place. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on December 18, 2025. (SP) (Entered: 12/18/2025)

12/19/2025	<u>73</u>	***ERROR***DISREGARD THIS ENTRY MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney for the United States by Nicholas W. Cannon-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Cannon-Federal Gov, Nicholas) Modified on 12/22/2025 (cwl). (Entered: 12/19/2025)
12/22/2025	<u>74</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Nicholas W. Cannon-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Cannon-Federal Gov, Nicholas) (Entered: 12/22/2025)
12/22/2025		TEXT ONLY ORDER granting <u>74</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Nicholas W. Cannon-Federal Gov withdrawn from case as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3). USA will continue to be represented by counsel as reflected on the docket. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 12/22/25 (NL) (Entered: 12/22/2025)
02/06/2026		NOTICE as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: Zoom Status Conference set for February 11, 2026 at 1:00 PM via Zoom/VTC before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III. The parties will be emailed the Zoom information prior to the conference.(SP) (Entered: 02/06/2026)
02/10/2026	<u>80</u>	ORDER addressing certain issues related to members of the press as set out in the Order. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on February 10, 2026. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit I - Declaration for Media) (SP) (Entered: 02/10/2026)
02/10/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: This matter is set for a Zoom conference February 11, 2026, at 1:00 PM. Access to the Zoom link will be limited to the Court and the parties. However, Judge Jordan will participate from the courtroom. Audio and video from the Zoom conference will be available in the courtroom, which will be open to the public. Members of the press wishing to attend are instructed to follow the media plan adopted earlier today. See Order <u>80</u> . NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on February 10, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 02/10/2026)
02/11/2026	<u>81</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE John A. Meynardie-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Meynardie-Federal Gov, John) (Entered: 02/11/2026)
02/11/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Zoom Status Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on February 11, 2026. PARTICIPATING: David H. Fulcher, Kimberly T. Purdie, John A. Meynardie (AUSA) and Madison Mumma (USDOJ); T. Gary Bufkin, W. Gary Kohlman, and Robert B. McDuff, counsel for Defendant Owens; Gerald K. Evelyn, Thomas J. Bellinder, Jeffrey L. Edison, counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and R. Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Teri Norton (601) 608-4186 and Email: teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov . (SP) (Entered: 02/11/2026)
02/11/2026	<u>82</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Charles W. Kirkham-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Entered: 02/11/2026)
02/17/2026	<u>83</u>	ORDER addressing the Courts January 13, 2026 Text Order temporarily restricting certain documents from public view and establishing a procedure for resolving future requests for redaction. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on February 17, 2026. (ABV) (Entered: 02/17/2026)

02/27/2026	<u>89</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION to Sever Trial by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>90</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION to Exclude Inadmissible Hearsay (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Main Document 90 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>91</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION to Compel Reciprocal Discovery (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Main Document 91 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>92</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION in Limine to Preclude Certain Defenses (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 2 - Transcript of Exhibit 1)(Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>93</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION for Intradistrict Transfer or District-Wide Venue (Purdie-Federal Gov, Kimberly) (Main Document 93 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>94</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION to Limit Use of Law Enforcement Reports (Purdie-Federal Gov, Kimberly) (Main Document 94 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>95</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION in Limine to Exclude Evidence of Merits of Official Acts (Purdie-Federal Gov, Kimberly) (Main Document 95 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>100</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION to Dismiss Indictment by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit - SOQ, # <u>2</u> Exhibit - GJ Testimony of Special Agent Lawrence Andrew Correll, # <u>3</u> Exhibit - May 9, 2024 email re Downtown Development Developers SOQ Committee Meeting, # <u>4</u> Exhibit - COJ 4/16/24 bid opening)(Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
02/27/2026	<u>101</u>	*RESTRICTED* MOTION to Seal Exhibit 2 of Motion to Dismiss Indictment by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
03/03/2026	<u>104</u>	***ERROR*** DISREGARD THIS ENTRY***RESTRICTED* MOTION - Notice of Joinder/Concurrence in Co-Defendant Banks' Motion to Sever Defendants (Bellinder, Thomas) Modified on 3/4/2026 (MGB). (Entered: 03/03/2026)
03/03/2026	<u>105</u>	***ERROR*** DISREGARD THIS ENTRY***RESTRICTED* MOTION - Notice of Joinder/Concurrence in Co-Defendant Owens' Motion to Dismiss Counts 1 through 6 and Counts 8, 9 and 10 (Bellinder, Thomas) Modified on 3/4/2026 (MGB). (Entered: 03/03/2026)
03/03/2026	<u>106</u>	***ERROR*** DISREGARD THIS ENTRY***RESTRICTED* MOTION - Notice of Joinder/Concurrence in Co-Defendant Owens' Motion to Compel Discovery (Bellinder, Thomas) Modified on 3/4/2026 (MGB). (Entered: 03/03/2026)
03/04/2026		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to #104, #105 and #106: Joinders can not be filed in criminal cases. Court staff will terminate the motions created. (MGB) (Entered: 03/04/2026)
03/04/2026	<u>110</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by Thomas J. Bellinder as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 03/04/2026)
03/06/2026	<u>111</u>	Response by USA as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba re <u>110</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Entered: 03/06/2026)

03/09/2026	<u>112</u>	ORDER granting <u>110</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response. The parties will have an additional 15 days to file their respective responses to any pending motions that are not yet fully briefed. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on March 9, 2026. (ABV) (Entered: 03/09/2026)
03/09/2026	<u>113</u>	Subpoena Returned executed as to Wells Fargo Bank, NA. (cwl) (Entered: 03/09/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>117</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba <i>Motion to Sever</i> (Purdie-Federal Gov, Kimberly) (Main Document 117 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>119</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Mumma-Federal Gov, Madison) (Main Document 119 replaced on 5/14/2026) (CO). (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>122</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit - Transcript)(Bellinder, Thomas) (Main Document 122 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Attachment 1 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>123</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>124</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Bellinder, Thomas) (Main Document 124 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>125</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Bellinder, Thomas) (Main Document 125 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>126</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Bellinder, Thomas) (Main Document 126 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<u>127</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit - Press Release, # <u>2</u> Exhibit - Media Coverage)(Bellinder, Thomas) (Main Document 127 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Attachment 1 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Attachment 2 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/30/2026	<u>140</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit - 108, # <u>2</u> Exhibit - HUD)(Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 03/30/2026)
03/30/2026	<u>141</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (<i>Law Enforcement Reports</i>) (Mumma-Federal Gov, Madison) (Main Document 141 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/30/2026)
03/30/2026	<u>142</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (<i>Preclusion of Certain Defenses</i>) (Mumma-Federal Gov, Madison) (Entered: 03/30/2026)
03/30/2026	<u>143</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (<i>Inadmissible Hearsay</i>) (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Main Document 143 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/30/2026)
03/30/2026	<u>144</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (<i>Merits of Official Acts</i>) (Mumma-Federal Gov, Madison) (Main Document 144 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/30/2026)

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03/30/2026	<u>145</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (<i>Compel Reciprocal Discovery</i>) (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Main Document 145 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/30/2026)
03/30/2026	<u>146</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (<i>Intradistrict Transfer</i>) (Kirkham-Federal Gov, Charles) (Main Document 146 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 03/30/2026)
03/30/2026	<u>147</u>	RESTRICTED REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by Chokwe Antar Lumumba (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit - Transcript, # <u>2</u> Exhibit - Transcript 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit - Speech) (Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 03/30/2026)
04/01/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Status Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on April 1, 2026. APPEARING: David H. Fulcher, Charles W. Kirkham, John A. Meynardie, Kimberly T. Purdie (AUSA), and Madison Mumma (USDOJ); W. Gary Kohlman, T. Gary Bufkin, and Luke E. Whitaker, counsel for Defendant Owens; Gerald K. Evelyn, Thomas J. Bellinder, and Jeffrey L. Edison (via Zoom), counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner, III and R. Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Teri Norton (601) 608-4186 and Email: teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov . (SP) (Entered: 04/01/2026)
04/01/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: In Chambers Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on April 1, 2026. PARTICIPATING: David H. Fulcher, Charles W. Kirkham, John A. Meynardie, Kimberly T. Purdie (AUSA), and Madison Mumma (USDOJ); W. Gary Kohlman, T. Gary Bufkin, and Luke E. Whitaker, counsel for Defendant Owens; Gerald K. Evelyn, Thomas J. Bellinder, and Jeffrey L. Edison, (via Zoom) counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner, III and R. Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Teri Norton (601) 608-4186 and Email: teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov . (SP) (Entered: 04/01/2026)
04/06/2026	<u>151</u>	NOTICE of Conventional Filing by Chokwe Antar Lumumba re <u>147</u> Restricted Reply to Response, <u>122</u> Restricted Response to Motion (Bellinder, Thomas) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
04/14/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER *RESTRICTED*: Defendant Antar Lumumba moved <u>101</u> for permission to seal an exhibit to his motion to dismiss. That request was granted in the Court's February 17, 2026 Order <u>83</u> , and the document was filed under seal. The motion <u>101</u> is therefore moot. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on April 14, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 04/14/2026)
04/15/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks: This matter is set for an In Chambers Conference on 4/16/2026 at 09:30 AM in Chambers 6.150 (Jackson) Isaac before Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac. Participation in the conference is limited to the Court and the parties. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. (NL) (Entered: 04/15/2026)

04/16/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac: In Chambers Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks held on 4/16/2026. PARTICIPATING: David H. Fulcher, Kimberly T. Purdie (AUSAs), Luke E. Whitaker and Joel Averitt, counsel for Defendant Owens; Thomas J. Bellinder, Judah Williams (paralegal), counsel for Defendant Lumumba; E. Carlos Tanner, III, counsel for Defendant Banks. (NL) (Entered: 04/16/2026)
04/22/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks: This matter is set for an In Chambers Conference on 4/23/2026 at 09:30 AM in Chambers 6.150 (Jackson) Isaac before Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac. Participation in the conference is limited to the Court and the parties. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. (NL) (Entered: 04/22/2026)
04/23/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac: In Chambers Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks held on 4/23/2026. PARTICIPATING: David H. Fulcher (AUSA), Luke E. Whitaker, Joel Averitt, and Hayes Bufkin (paralegal), counsel for Defendant Owens; Thomas J. Bellinder (via telephone), counsel for Defendant Lumumba; Robert Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. (NL) (Entered: 04/24/2026)
04/24/2026	<u>154</u>	RESTRICTED RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks <i>Response to Docket Number 153</i> (Fulcher-Federal Gov, David) (Main Document 154 replaced on 5/14/2026) (cwl). (Entered: 04/24/2026)
05/01/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Zoom Status Conference re redacted documents as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on May 1, 2026. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Caroline Morgan (601) 608-4188 and Email: caroline_morgan@mssd.uscourts.gov. (SP) (Entered: 05/01/2026)
05/04/2026	<u>157</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Kabah S. Ealy-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Ealy-Federal Gov, Kabah) (Entered: 05/04/2026)
05/04/2026	<u>158</u>	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Herbert S. Carraway, III-Federal Gov appearing for USA. (Carraway, III-Federal Gov, Herbert) (Entered: 05/04/2026)
05/11/2026	<u>159</u>	PROTECTIVE ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 5/11/2026 (MJ) (Main Document 159 replaced on 5/12/2026 due to typographical error) (CO). Modified on 5/12/2026 (CO). (Entered: 05/11/2026)
05/11/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: In Chambers Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on May 11, 2026. Herbert S. Carraway III, Kabah S. Ealy, and David H. Fulcher (AUSA); W. Gary Kohlman, Luke E. Whitaker, and Joel J. Averitt, counsel for Defendant Owens; Thomas J. Bellinder, Gerald K. Evelyn, and Jeffrey L. Edison, counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner, III and R. Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/11/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Jury Selection began as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on May 11, 2026. Herbert S. Carraway III, Kabah S. Ealy, and David H. Fulcher (AUSA); W. Gary Kohlman, Luke E. Whitaker, and Joel J. Averitt, counsel for

		Defendant Owens; Thomas J. Bellinder, Gerald K. Evelyn, and Jeffrey L. Edison, counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner, III and R. Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Teri Norton (601) 608-4186 and Email: teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/14/2026	<u>160</u>	ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks as set out in the Order. The parties are ordered to meet on June 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., to identify potential jurors who should be struck for cause or for other reasons (like qualifications or excuse). The parties must provide that list to the Court by June 9. By June 15, the parties are instructed to file supplemental briefing on the Government's motion to transfer venue <u>93</u> . Exhibit 2 to Lumumba's Motion to Dismiss <u>100</u> will remain sealed because it contains grand-jury testimony. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 14, 2026. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Jury Questionnaire) (SP) (Entered: 05/14/2026)
05/14/2026	<u>162</u>	ORDER *RESTRICTED* denying <u>90</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II(1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3); *RESTRICTED* granting in part and denying in part <u>92</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II(1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2), Aaron B. Banks(3); *RESTRICTED* granting <u>94</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II(1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2), Aaron B. Banks(3); *RESTRICTED* granting in part and denying in part <u>95</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II(1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2), Aaron B. Banks(3); *RESTRICTED* granting in part and denying in part <u>98</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II(1) as set out in the Order. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 14, 2026. (SP) (Main Document 162 replaced on 5/15/2026) (MGB). (Entered: 05/14/2026)
05/14/2026	<u>163</u>	ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks: denying <u>90</u> Motion to Exclude Inadmissible Hearsay; granting in part and denying in part <u>92</u> Motion in Limine to Preclude Certain Defenses; granting <u>94</u> Motion to Limit Use of Law Enforcement Reports; granting in part and denying in part <u>95</u> Motion in Limine to Exclude Evidence of Merits of Official Acts; and granting in part and denying in part <u>98</u> Motion in Limine as set out in the Order. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 14, 2026 (SP) (Main Document 163 replaced on 5/15/2026) (MGB). (Entered: 05/14/2026)
05/14/2026	<u>164</u>	ORDER *RESTRICTED* denying <u>89</u> MOTION as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2); *RESTRICTED* denying <u>96</u> MOTION as to Aaron B. Banks(3) as set out in the Order. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 14, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 05/14/2026)
05/14/2026	<u>165</u>	ORDER as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: denying <u>89</u> Motion to Sever Trial as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2); denying <u>96</u> Motion for Severance of Defendants as to Aaron B. Banks(3). Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 14, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 05/14/2026)
05/14/2026	<u>166</u>	ORDER *RESTRICTED* denying <u>97</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II(1); *RESTRICTED* denying <u>100</u> MOTION as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2) as set out in the Order. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 14, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 05/14/2026)
05/14/2026	<u>167</u>	ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, and Chokwe Antar Lumumba: denying <u>97</u> Motion to Dismiss Bribery and Other Related Counts as to Jody E. Owens II(1); denying <u>100</u> Motion to Dismiss Indictment as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2) as set out in the Order. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 14, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 05/14/2026)

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05/15/2026	<u>168</u>	ORDER: Due to administrative issues, the Court could not begin unsealing documents on May 14 as originally intended, but consistent with the Order <u>160</u> entered that day, the seal is lifted as to the following docketed materials: 90, 91, 93-96, 97-2, 97-3, 97-4, 116-119, 121-122, 124-127, 132, 133, 134-139, 141, 143-146, 148, 153, 154. In addition, the following documents will be re-filed by the Courtroom Deputy (without seal) but with the redactions the Court and the parties have agreed to: 75, 76, 88, 89, 92, 97, 98, 100, 103, 123, 128-131, 140, 142, and 147 as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan, III on 5/15/2026 (cwl) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/15/2026	<u>172</u>	MOTION to Sever <u>89</u> REDACTED by Chokwe Antar Lumumba. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/15/2026	<u>173</u>	MOTION in Limine to Preclude Certain Defenses <u>92</u> REDACTED by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/15/2026	<u>176</u>	MOTION to Dismiss Indictment <u>100</u> REDACTED by Chokwe Antar Lumumba. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/15/2026	<u>178</u>	RESPONSE to Motion in Limine to Preclude Certain Defenses <u>123</u> REDACTED by Chokwe Antar Lumumba. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/15/2026	<u>183</u>	REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion to Dismiss Indictment <u>140</u> REDACTED by Chokwe Antar Lumumba. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/15/2026	<u>184</u>	REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion in Limine to Preclude of Certain Defenses by USA <u>142</u> REDACTED as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
05/15/2026	<u>185</u>	REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion to Sever Trial <u>147</u> REDACTED by Chokwe Antar Lumumba. (SP) (Entered: 05/15/2026)
06/02/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Zoom Status Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on June 2, 2026. PARTICIPATING: David H. Fulcher, Charles W. Kirkham, Herbert S. Carraway, III, and Kabah S. Ealy (AUSA); W. Gary Kohlman, Luke E. Whitaker, and Joel J. Averitt, counsel for Defendant Owens; Gerald K. Evelyn, Thomas J. Bellinder, and Jeffrey L. Edison, counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner, III, counsel for Defendant Banks. (SP) (Entered: 06/02/2026)
06/02/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: As discussed during the Zoom Status Conference, Defendants are to submit any Rule 106 and other recording designations by June 9, 2026. By June 16, 2026, the parties must confer on any objections to designated recordings or transcripts. This matter will be set for a Pretrial Conference on June 16, 2026 at 9:00 AM and will be set in a separate docket entry to follow. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on June 2, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 06/02/2026)
06/02/2026		NOTICE OF HEARING as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: Pretrial Conference set for June 16, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III.(SP) (Entered: 06/02/2026)

06/10/2026	<u>187</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Withdraw Document by David H. Fulcher-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Fulcher-Federal Gov, David) (Entered: 06/10/2026)
06/12/2026	<u>188</u>	NOTICE of Intent to Introduce Self-Authenticating Business Records by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Fulcher-Federal Gov, David) (Entered: 06/12/2026)
06/12/2026	<u>190</u>	ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks: As set out in the Order, the list of jurors will be struck for cause. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on June 12, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 06/12/2026)
06/12/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER *RESTRICTED* withdrawing <u>93</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3); granting <u>187</u> Unopposed Motion to Withdraw Document as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3). No further written order shall issue. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on June 12, 2026. (ABV) (Entered: 06/12/2026)
06/12/2026	<u>191</u>	MOTION to Exclude Owens' Proposed Expert Testimony for Failure to Comply with Discovery Rules by David H. Fulcher-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Burns, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - King, R, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Sparks, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - King, C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Webb) (Fulcher-Federal Gov, David) (Entered: 06/12/2026)
06/16/2026	<u>192</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Madison Mumma-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Mumma-Federal Gov, Madison) (Entered: 06/16/2026)
06/16/2026		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to [#192]: Proposed orders are not to be electronically filed as a separate pleading or as an attachment to a pleading, but instead are to be provided to chambers by e-mail (Court's Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing Sec.5.B.). (MGB) (Entered: 06/16/2026)
06/16/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Pretrial Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on June 16, 2026. APPEARING: David H. Fulcher, Charles W. Kirkham, Kimberly T. Purdie, Herbert S. Carraway III, and Kabah S. Ealy (AUSA); W. Gary Kohlman, T. Gary Bufkin, Luke E. Whitaker, and Joel J. Averitt, counsel for Defendant Owens; Gerald K. Evelyn and Thomas J. Bellinder, counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner, III and R. Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Teri Norton (601) 608-4186 and Email: teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov . (SP) (Entered: 06/16/2026)
06/16/2026		ORE TENUS MOTION for additional peremptory challenges as to defendants by Gerald K. Evelyn - PHV. (SP) (Entered: 06/16/2026)
06/16/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER granting Ore Tenus Motion for additional peremptory challenges as to defendants. As stated on the record, defendants shall have an additional 2 challenges, for a total of 12. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on June 16, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 06/16/2026)
06/16/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks re <u>191</u> Motion to Exclude Owens' Proposed Expert Testimony for Failure to Comply with Discovery Rules: As discussed on the record, Defendants' Response is

		due June 22, 2026 and the Government's Reply is due June 23, 2026. All objections related to recordings must be submitted to the Court by June 24 in the manner discussed during the pretrial conference. If the parties wish to submit a proposed questionnaire, they must do so by June 29. The Government shall file any final 404(b) Notices by July 1, 2026. If a party docket a bench brief, they must do so no later than July 6. Parties wishing to submit voir dire questions to be included in the Court's examination must do so by July 6. Defendants are instructed to provide proposed instructions related to anonymous jurors by July 6. Finally, the parties discussed setting a date to exchange PowerPoints and discuss block introduction of some unobjected-to exhibits. No date was set. The Court sets that deadline for July 6, but if the parties believe a different date is necessary, they must notify the Court. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL ISSUE FROM THE COURT. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on June 16, 2026. (SP) (Entered: 06/16/2026)
06/16/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: In Chambers Conference as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and Aaron B. Banks held on June 16, 2026. APPEARING: David H. Fulcher, Charles W. Kirkham, Kimberly T. Purdie, Herbert S. Carraway III, and Kabah S. Ealy (AUSA); W. Gary Kohlman, T. Gary Bufkin, Luke E. Whitaker, and Joel J. Averitt, counsel for Defendant Owens; Gerald K. Evelyn and Thomas J. Bellinder, counsel for Defendant Lumumba; and E. Carlos Tanner, III and R. Thomas Rich, counsel for Defendant Banks. (SP) (Entered: 06/16/2026)
06/23/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER granting <u>192</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney by Madison Mumma-Federal Gov as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks. Other counsel of record will remain. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER SHALL FOLLOW. Signed by Magistrate Judge LaKeysha Greer Isaac on 6/23/26 (CCO) (Entered: 06/23/2026)
06/23/2026	<u>198</u>	REPLY TO RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks re <u>191</u> MOTION to Exclude <i>Owens' Proposed Expert Testimony for Failure to Comply with Discovery Rules</i> (Fulcher-Federal Gov, David) (Entered: 06/23/2026)
06/24/2026	<u>199</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition by USA as to Jody E. Owens, II, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Aaron B. Banks re 195 MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Supplemental Expert Disclosure for Dr. Mark Webb</i> (Fulcher-Federal Gov, David) (Entered: 06/24/2026)
06/25/2026	<u>201</u>	ORDER taking under advisement <u>191</u> Government's Motion to Exclude as to Jody E. Owens II (1); taking under advisement 195 Owens's Motion for Extension of Time to File as to Jody E. Owens II (1). The parties are instructed to contact the Courtroom Deputy on June 29, 2026 to set a date for the requested Daubert hearing. Owens is ordered to file Dr. Webb's expert report under seal no later than June 30, 2026. The motions are otherwise taken under advisement. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on June 25, 2026. (ABV) (Entered: 06/25/2026)
07/06/2026		NOTICE OF HEARING as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba: Change of Plea Hearing set for July 6, 2026 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III.(SP) (Entered: 07/06/2026)
07/06/2026		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III: Change of Plea Hearing as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba held on July 6, 2026. Plea entered by Chokwe Antar Lumumba(2) Guilty as to Count 1. The Plea Agreement and Plea Supplement were accepted by the Court. APPEARING: David H. Fulcher, Charles W.

		Kirkham, Kimberly T. Purdie, Herbert S. Carraway III, and Kabah S. Ealy (AUSA); and Gerald K. Evelyn, Jeffrey L. Edison, and Thomas J. Bellinder, counsel for Defendant Lumumba. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Teri Norton (601) 608-4186 and Email: teri_norton@mssd.uscourts.gov . (SP) (Entered: 07/06/2026)
07/06/2026	<u>211</u>	PLEA AGREEMENT as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba. (SP) (Entered: 07/06/2026)
07/06/2026		NOTICE OF HEARING as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba: Sentencing set for October 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 5A (Jackson) Jordan before District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III. (SP) (Entered: 07/06/2026)
07/07/2026	<u>215</u>	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT (PROBATION) Officer Allie Whitten as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba. (cwl) (Entered: 07/07/2026)
07/07/2026		TEXT ONLY ORDER *RESTRICTED* finding as moot <u>91</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3); *RESTRICTED* finding as moot <u>99</u> MOTION as to Jody E. Owens II (1); finding as moot <u>191</u> Motion to Exclude as to Jody E. Owens II (1), Chokwe Antar Lumumba (2), Aaron B. Banks (3); finding as moot <u>195</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File as to Jody E. Owens II (1); finding as moot <u>202</u> Motion to Amend/Correct as to Aaron B. Banks (3). On June 29, 2026, Defendant Owens entered a guilty plea. Owens Plea <u>205</u> . On July 6, 2026, Defendants Lumumba and Banks entered guilty pleas. Lumumba Plea <u>211</u> ; Banks Plea <u>213</u> . In light of these guilty pleas, the Court finds that all pending motions in this matter are now moot, as are any Court instructions related to these motions. No further written order shall issue. Signed by District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on July 7, 2026. (ABV) (Entered: 07/07/2026)
07/08/2026	<u>217</u>	<🔊 Digital Audio File as to Chokwe Antar Lumumba regarding Notice of Hearing held on 7/6/2026 before Judge Daniel P. Jordan III.AUDIO FILE size(18.4 MB) (TN) (Entered: 07/08/2026)