

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
Minutes of Proceedings**

OFFICE: CAMDEN

DATE: April 22, 2026

JUDGE KAREN M. WILLIAMS

COURT REPORTER: John Kurz

OTHER: Letitia Blackwell, Pretrial Officer

TITLE OF CASE:

DOCKET NO.: 24-cr-267-KMW-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

ERIC RIVERA

DEFENDANT PRESENT

APPEARANCES:

JASON RICHARDSON – AUSA for USA

JAY STRONGWATER, ESQ. – for Defendant

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Retraction Hearing and Plea to 16-Count Indictment

Ordered defendant sworn. Defendant Eric Rivera sworn.

Application for Permission to Enter Plea of Guilty filed.

PLEA: GUILTY to Counts 1 & 5 of the Indictment.

Ordered plea accepted.

Ordered Sentencing set for October 7, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 4A.

s/ Nicole Ramos
DEPUTY CLERK

TIME COMMENCED: 3:30 p.m. TIME ADJOURNED: 4:20 p.m.

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TOTAL TIME: 1 hr., 6 mins.