

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

CASE NO: 2:20-cr-114-JES-MRM

CASEY DAVID CROWTHER

JUDGE:	John E. Steele	COUNSEL FOR GOVERNMENT	TRENTON REICHLING AND MICHAEL LEEMAN
DEPUTY CLERK:	Micki Janczewski	COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT:	NICOLE HUGHES WAID AND BRIAN DICKERSON
COURT REPORTER	Jeff Thomas	PRETRIAL/PROBATION	
DATE/TIME	March 23, 2021 9:00 AM	Interpreter	

Jury Trial – Day 1

Start Time: 9:00 AM Court convenes.

Present are: AUSA Trent Reichling and AUSA Michael Leeman on behalf of the government at plaintiff's table along with Secret Service Agent Brian Kirby; Atty. Nicole Waid, Atty. Brian Dickerson, assistant Julie Bryan on behalf of the defendant, along with defendant, at the defense table.

9:11 am Government moves to invoke the rule of sequestration. Court expresses, without the exception of case agent for the government and expert witness for the defendant. No objection by counsel for the defense. Court invokes the rule of sequestration.

9:37 am Jurors escorted into the courtroom. Jury empaneled by Clerk.

Court reviews Jury Instructions with panel.

9:45 am – 10:06 am AUSA Michael Leeman presents prosecution's opening statement.

10:08 am – 10:40 am Attorney Nicole Waid presents defense's opening statement.

10:41 am Government calls first witness. Ryan Bradley, witness sworn.

Direct: 10:42 am - 10:55 am

Government Exhibits 2 and 152 provided to witness for identification purposes, no objection from defense; exhibits admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Cross: 10:55 am – 11:05 am

Government Exhibit 1 provided to witness for identification purposes, objection by government, Court overruled; exhibit admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Witness excused at 11:05 am

11:05 am Government calls second witness. Brian Peterson, witness sworn.

Direct: 11:06 am - 11:19 am

Government Exhibit 2 provided to witness for identification purposes; exhibit previously admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Government Exhibit 4 provided to witness for identification purposes, no objection from defense; exhibit admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Cross: 11:19 am – 11:26 am

Redirect: 11:26 am – 11:28 am

Witness excused at 11:28 am

11:28 am Government calls third witness. Steve Adkins, witness sworn.

Direct: 11:30 am – 11:53 am

Government Exhibits 62 and 63 provided to witness for identification purposes, no objection from defense; exhibits admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Cross: 11:53 am – 12:02 pm

Redirect: 12:02 pm – 12:03 pm

Recross: 12:03 pm – 12:08 pm

Defendant's Exhibit E18 provided to witness for identification purposes, objection from government, Court overruled; exhibit admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Witness excused 12:09 pm

12:10 pm Jury Panel excused for lunch.

Court addresses Defendant's Motion to Exclude Evidence of Mortgage Fraud and Guilty Plea filed on 3/22/2021 at Doc #119.

12:12 pm – 12:23 pm Oral Argument by AUSA Mike Leeman on behalf of the Government.

12:23 pm – 12:26 pm Oral Argument by defense counsel Nicole Waid.

12:26 pm – 12:27 pm AUSA Leeman comments.

12:27 pm – 12:29 pm Attorney Waid replies.

12:29 pm – 12:32 pm AUSA Reichling adds comment.

Motion taken under advisement by the Court.

12:32 Court recesses for lunch.

1:31 pm Court back on the record.

1:36 pm Jury escorted into courtroom.

1:39 pm Government calls fourth witness. John Miller, witness sworn.

Direct: 1:39 pm – 2:01 pm

Cross: 2:02 pm – 3:17 pm

Defendant's Exhibit G18 provided to witness for identification purposes, objection from government, Court overruled; exhibit admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Defendant's Exhibit G16 provided to witness for identification purposes, no objection from government; exhibit admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Record to reflect Defendant's Exhibit I reviewed with the witness during cross.

3:17 pm Jury escorted out for break.

3:35 pm Court back on the record. Jury escorted into courtroom.

Cross (continued) 3:37 pm – 3:44 pm

Redirect: 3:45 pm – 3:51 pm

Witness excused 3:51 pm

3:51 pm Government calls fifth witness. Lana Hollier, witness sworn.

Direct: 3:55 pm – 4:25 pm

Government Exhibits 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 provided to witness for identification purposes, objection to exhibits 35 and 36 from defense.

SIDEBAR: 4:05 – 4:07 pm

Court overruled; exhibits admitted into evidence.

Government Exhibits 44, 46, 48, 50, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, and 148 identified and moved for admission, objection from defense, Court overruled; exhibits admitted into evidence.

Witness excused 4:25 pm

4:27 pm Government calls sixth witness. Kyle DeCicco, witness sworn.

Direct: 4:28 pm – 5:01 pm

Government Exhibits 171 moved for admission, stipulated with defense; exhibit admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Record to reflect witness identified defendant, Casey Crowther.

Government Exhibits 6, 15, 20, and 119 provided to witness for identification purposes, no objection from defense; exhibits admitted into evidence and published for jury.

Witness excused 5:01 pm

5:01 pm Jury instructed to return tomorrow (March 24, 2021) at 9:00 am

Jury escorted out of courtroom.

Counsel dismissed.

End Time: 5:03 PM