IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *v.* DARRELL THOMAS, ANDRE LEE GAINES, BERN BENOIT A/K/A BURN BENOIT, AND CARLA JACKSON	Criminal Action No. 1:20-cr-296-JPB-AJB

Status Report Regarding Production of Seized Devices

Pursuant to the Court's February 24, 2021 Order (Doc. 93), the United States of America, by Kurt R. Erskine, Acting United States Attorney, and Tal C. Chaiken, Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, respectfully submits this Status Report regarding the devices seized from Defendant Darrell Thomas's residence:

To date, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the "FBI") has been able to image three of the seized devices (a laptop, a thumb drive, and a laptop containing two hard drives). The FBI has completed a filter review to identify any potentially privileged material. The United States can provide the entire forensic image of each device to the defendants, and will require a 2 terabyte drive to do so. Given the volume of data, the United States is still in the process of reviewing the data extracted from the devices to identify materials it may introduce at trial.

The remaining devices (five cell phones, a tablet, a hardware wallet, and a laptop) are locked and/or encrypted. Without the passwords or decryption keys for these devices, the FBI has not to date been able to access these devices. Some of these devices have been sent to a specialized unit within FBI for further attempts to unlock and/or decrypt the devices. However, due to the volume of locked and/or encrypted devices awaiting examination, the time-frame for an examination of the devices is currently not known.

Respectfully submitted, this 10th day of March 2021.

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