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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - WESTERN DIVISION
HONORABLE ROZELLA A. OLIVER, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,) CASE NO.
) CR 20-00579-SVW
vs.)
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ARTUR AYVAZYAN,)
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Defendant.)
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5 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Calling Case 20-CR-579,
6 United States of America versus Artur Ayvazyan.

7 Appearances, please.

8 MR. ANDRE: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Julian
9 Andre on behalf of the United States.

10 THE COURT: Good morning.

11 MS. HETTLER: Good morning, Your Honor. Nadine
12 Hettler on behalf of Artur Ayvazyan who is present via video
13 conferencing. A waiver is on file.

14 THE COURT: Good morning, Miss Hettler.

15 Good morning, Mr. Ayvazyan.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Good morning, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Good morning.

18 Mr. Ayvazyan, you are here today for your
19 arraignment. I'm just going to go quickly through -- tell you
20 what we are going to do, and then we'll get started.

21 I'm going to ask you some questions about the
22 charging document that's been filed in this case. It's called
23 an indictment. After I do that, I'm going to tell you who the
24 judge is who is going to be handling your case going forward
25 after today.

1 We are going to take your not guilty plea, and then
2 I'm going to set a trial date and then give some additional
3 information to the attorneys.

4 If you have any questions or you want to talk to
5 Miss Hettle before you answer my questions, just let me know,
6 and we'll take a break so that you can do that.

7 Does that make sense?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

9 MR. ANDRE: Your Honor, before you begin, if I may
10 ask, the government's understanding was that Miss Hettle had
11 been appointed solely for purposes of representing Mr. Ayvazyan
12 at his initial appearance last month but that the Public
13 Defenders were not appointed to represent him going forward.

14 So I wasn't sure what the status of that was and if
15 the Court wanted to address that before proceeding.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 All right. Miss Hettle, do you have any information
18 to provide this morning?

19 MS. HETTLE: Your Honor, that's correct. We were
20 appointed for this initial -- the initial appearance,
21 Your Honor. I would ask the Court to extend that appointment
22 through today. He does have counsel, and he is ironing out the
23 payment at this point.

24 My understanding is that there isn't an issue with
25 the payment. It just has to be delivered. So Mr. Ayvazyan is

1 taking care of what he needs to do.

2 I would just note that the government did seize
3 Mr. Ayvazyan's savings. And so that has complicated his
4 ability to hire counsel and that explains the delay,
5 Your Honor. It's not due to lack of effort on behalf of
6 Mr. Ayvazyan's part.

7 THE COURT: Okay. So I think that's what I'll do
8 then. I just took a look at some of the paperwork from the
9 earlier appearance. And I think that I can extend the
10 appointment to cover this proceeding.

11 But, Mr. Ayvazyan, it sounds like you are in the
12 process of obtaining another attorney. And I guess the most
13 prudent thing, perhaps, is that Miss Hettle, if that falls
14 apart or doesn't work out, then, Mr. Ayvazyan, you need to talk
15 to Miss Hettle or somebody else to make sure that you have
16 representation in this case. Okay?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Andre, for raising
19 that. I think hopefully that will take care of it for purposes
20 of today.

21 Mr. Ayvazyan, I have in front of me the indictment
22 that's been filed in this case. Were you provided a copy of
23 the indictment before this hearing?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Have you had a chance to go over it,

1 sir?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Generally speaking, Mr. Ayvazyan, do you
4 understand what the government has charged you with?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Sir, your case has been assigned to the
7 calendar of the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson. So Judge Wilson
8 is the district judge who is going to handle your case going
9 forward.

10 Judge Wilson has instructed me -- has instructed
11 this Court to take your not guilty plea. So that's what we are
12 going to do right now.

13 THE DEFENDANT: Great.

14 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Mr. Ayvazyan, how do you
15 plead to the charges contained in the indictment?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Not guilty, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: All right. Jury trial is set for
18 January 12, 2021, January 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The
19 parties are referred to Judge Wilson's procedures and schedules
20 web page to obtain a copy of his discovery order. And that can
21 be found on the Court's website at cacd.uscourts.gov.

22 I don't know whether or not we'll be meeting in
23 person in January. But in case we are, I want to make sure you
24 know where Judge Wilson is. He's in the First Street
25 Courthouse which is in Downtown Los Angeles. The address is

1 350 West First Street. And specifically Judge Wilson is on the
2 10th floor.

3 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Miss Hettle, anything else this morning
5 on Mr. Ayvazyan's case?

6 MS. HETTLE: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Andre, anything else we need to do?

8 MR. ANDRE: No, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.

10 All right. Mr. Ayvazyan, we are all done with the
11 arraignment.

12 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you very much.

13 MS. HETTLE: Thank you.

14 (At 12:01 p.m. the proceedings adjourned.)
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