

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	No. 1:23-CR-246-WMR-RDC
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	)	
AUSTIN M. SIAMPWIZI,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**MOTION TO REMOVE AND/OR ADJUST REQUIREMENT THAT
DEFENDANT CONTRIBUTE TO HIS DEFENSE COSTS**

Defendant Austin Siampwizi moves this Court to remove the requirement that he contribute to the costs of his defense or, in the alternative, to adjust the amount owed so that the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts ("AOC") is not unjustly enriched by such requirement. In support, Defendant states as follows:

1. The Defendant was indicted on July 25, 2023 on several counts of wire fraud and money laundering. (Dkt. 1.) After arraignment, this Court determined that he qualified for court-appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") but required him to contribute \$1,000 per month towards the cost of his counsel. (Dkt. 16.)

2. The current rate for non-death penalty cases under the CJA is \$164 per hour¹ and the aggregate maximum per case is \$12,800.²
3. In undersigned counsel's experience, cases often take months if not over a year to resolve. If the Defendant must pay \$1,000 per month, the odds are very high that he will pay more under the Court's order than the AOC will reimburse undersigned counsel for this representation.
4. As a result, to avoid unjust enrichment of the AOC, the Defendant requests that this Court remove the requirement that he pay \$1,000 per month towards his defense. In the alternative, the Defendant requests that this Court adjust his contribution amount to something reasonably tied to his finances and the outlay the AOC will likely pay in this case.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, the Defendant respectfully requests that the Court eliminate or modify the requirement that he contribute to the cost of his defense.

¹ See https://www.gand.uscourts.gov/sites/gand/files/CJA_Rates_at_a_Glance.pdf

² See https://www.gand.uscourts.gov/sites/gand/files/CJA_Supplemental_Inst.pdf

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of August, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the below date I electronically filed the foregoing Motion to Remove and/or Adjust the Requirement That Defendant Contribute to His Defense Conference with the Clerk of Court using CM/ECF system which will automatically send email notification of such filing to the to the following attorneys of record.

This 25th day of August, 2023.

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