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12/12/2024

Honorable Judge Brown,

Thank you for taking the time to read y letter. My name is Carl Torjagbo Case Number 1:22-CR-00171-M LB-ROC. I felt compelled to write to you after the hearing on 12/9/2024 regarding the interlocutory sale of my home 5114 Greythorne Lane. My home means a great deal to me and as you noted,Defense Council was a bit unprepared. I shared thoughts with Mr. Silas on this issue but out of abundance of caution,I am reaching out to you to please hear my thoughts on the issue just in case he does not voice my position properly in the upcoming 5 page brief.

1. Property Taxes: A look at the document of taxes assessed on 5114 Greythorne Lane See [Gov Exb4] shows that the taxes increased from \$17,500 in 2021,\$20,000 in 2022, \$22,000 in 2023 and \$20,000 in 2024 roughly. Two main factors that cause the value of property to increase is demand for housing in the housing market and upgrades to the property. The demand for housing increased by approximately 39% in the state of Georgia in the last 3 years. As a result the value of my properties went up. Property taxes are typically assessed at 10% the value of the property, which is a direct indicator of the current market value. Also I spent quit a bit of time and money upgrading the house. Shingles on the roof, full size gym, movie theater, modern security systems, modern chandeliers only to mention a few See [Dkt62]. I paid roughly 1.7M for the house in 2021 so if you do an inverse calculation, the value of the property has increased by about \$250,000 at the least. If you

factor in the upgrades about \$350,000. The point I am trying to make is that even though I owe \$66,000 in property taxes and the home owners association roughly \$10,000, the overall increment in the value of the property offsets the decline value of \$76,000. The next property tax assessment will be in November of 2025 by then we should have a verdict on the case if the case hasn't already been disposed. The same analysis applies to the 101 Holt Drive and Tract 4 fiber properties even though I don't have the data to back it up.

2. Pool and Backyard: Even though the pool looks nasty as you noted, and appears like it has not been attended to for a while, this can easily be fixed. The pool can be restored by draining the water out scrubbing and refilling it at a cost of about \$3000. The trees and hedges can be trimmed and the debris cleared for about \$300. Estimates were obtained by Brahim Ghanzou 423-653-9083 from Task Rabbit
3. Squatting Issue: We believe the squatting issue has been resolved after confronting Mr. Holland and signing the No trespassing authorization with the Cobb County Sheriffs Office. Even though another report of someone on the property. I authorized Brahim Ghanzou as the only person allowed on the premise as detective Gisih testified in the hearing on 12/9/2024. Since there was no arrest made, I believe the call was triggered by his visit. He periodically checks on the property to make sure everything looks okay and no additional items have been stolen and no unauthorized person in the house. According to Brahim there are no squatters living in the house.
4. Another issue I want to bring to your attention is the current situation regarding my detention. The last motion requesting release from detention was in September of 2023. I

believe you were considering the issue when the Prosecution filed Post hearing brief stating that my passport was still active and that I was a flight risk. I filed a response to the brief [Dkt62] which you struck down. After that I filed a motion requesting a different attorney and wrote a letter to you explaining the circumstances that triggered the Pro Se filings. Since then I have been struggling to get Mr. Silas to file a reconsideration brief. I took the initiative of writing a letter requesting my passport to be canceled and gave it to Mr. Silas to give to the State Department. It took him and the defense Investigator 11 months to get a confirmation letter from the state department which I desperately needed to file a reconsideration brief. Since about August of 2024 I have asked to file the brief and he keeps saying he will do it but has not done anything till date. Other outstanding issues are getting some critical information regarding some emails that I need to support my position if the case goes to trial and is been a over a year and we still don't have that. Other pieces of critical evidence that I need from overseas is also in parallel due to the feud with my family regarding the theft of some of my personal property. A lot of this information I can gather quickly if I was out even if it was for a brief period. I am in Grave danger of sufferring a great dealof injustice if they are unable to gather the information or evidence I need. I feel like I am in a choke hold bcause if I file a Pro Se brief you might strike it down and if I request a different attorney in the middle of all these motions it will set the case back even more. At this jucture , **I am requesting permission to file a Pro Se brief** on this matter if he does not do so by December 20. If the motion makes it to you, please reconsider your previous order of detention. It will give me a fighting chance.

Summary: Overall I spent a lot of time and effort customizing and personalizing my home. I also have lot of property and persenal effects still in he house. Since I have very litle support or

help from family and my credit his virtually gone from being detained for a long period of time, Selling my home prematurely will cause extreme hrdship for me. Goverment sales are typically auctioned to the highest bidder. So lets say the home is auction for 1.2M like the prosecution desires and the money kept in an escrow account. If I win the case, the money has to be refunded and the refund will be only for the proceeds of the sale which would be very unfair to me. Also coupled with the fact that we are going to Trial in the first quarter of 2025, there will be no further decline in terms accrued taxes before the case is over. An alternate solution to the pool and backyard issue is to give me some time lets say 90days to bring the backyard to Home Owners Association standards. Taking into account all the factors I have outlined and the extraordinary circumstances, I strongly believe I should not be deprived of my home and humble request that you Deny the motion for interlocutory sale. Once again thanks for taking the to to read my letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Torjagbo', with a stylized, flowing script.

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Carl Torjagbo

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