

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**CRAIG DAVIS,
Defendant.**

Case No.: 1:24CR-40

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL

The defendant, CRAIG DAVIS, brings this Unopposed Motion to Substitute Counsel, requesting the Court grant permission for the Federal Defender's Office to withdraw and to substitute Jonathan A. Simms as attorney of record for Defendant in this matter, and in support thereof would show:

1. Cadence Mertz, Esquire (Federal Defender's Office) was previously appointed to represent the Defendant in this cause. However, Mr. Davis has now retained the services of Jonathan A. Simms, Esquire to represent him in this matter.

2. Craig Davis approves of this substitution. This Motion is not brought for delay, but to allow Defendant to be represented by counsel of his choice. Attorney Mertz and the Government have been consulted, and have no objection to the requested relief.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Craig Davis prays that the Court enter an order allowing Cadence Mertz to withdraw from representing Defendant and to substitute Jonathan A. Simms as attorney of record in this cause.

July 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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I ASK FOR THIS:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 1, 2024 I will electronically file the foregoing pleading with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send notification of such filing (NEF) to the following, or in the alternative, will deliver the foregoing to:

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