

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO.: 2:21-cr-107-SPC-MRM

EDRICA LEANN WATSON

Judge:	Mac R. McCoy	Counsel for Government:	Shannon Laurie
Deputy Clerk:	Fabiana Nicastrì	Counsel for Defendant:	Jim Lappan
Court Reporter:	Digital	Pretrial/Probation:	Gary Crumrine
Date/Time:	December 15, 2021 03:56 PM- 04:17 PM	Interpreter:	N/A
Bench Time:	21 Minutes		

Initial Appearance/ Arraignment/ Bond Hearing

Defendant present with Counsel. Court advised the Defendant about her rights to have the hearing in person. Defendant consented to the hearing to be held by video conference.

Defendant sworn. Court questions the Defendant about her financial resources on the record and advises her of her rights to representation. Based on the Court's findings of the Defendant's limited resources, the Federal Public Defender is appointed. Order to follow.

Government summarized allegations and possible penalties. Defendant pled not guilty to all Counts of the Indictment. Court will enter a plea of not guilty on the Defendant's behalf. Scheduling order to follow.

Government is not seeking detention; however, the Government is asking for additional conditions of release based on the Defendant being a risk of flight. Defense Counsel does object to additional conditions and asks that the Court follows Pretrial Service's recommendations, which are Release on Own Recognizance as well as the surrender of her passport.

After proffer and argument by both Parties, the Court orders the Defendant Released on her Own Recognizance with one condition: to surrender her passport to the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 PM on 12/16/2021. Order to follow.

Oral Order as required by Rule 5(f), the United States is ordered to produce all exculpatory evidence to the defendant pursuant to Brady v. Maryland and its progeny. Failing to do so in a timely manner may result in sanctions, including exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instruction, dismissal of charges and contempt proceedings.