

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
3 CRIMINAL DIVISION
4 CASE NO. 23-CR-60173 WILLIAMS (GRAHAM)

5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Miami, Florida
6 Plaintiff, May 17, 2024
7 vs. 9:49 AM - 4:01 PM
8 CAROLYN D. WADE, (HEARING WITHIN TRIAL)
9 Defendant. Pages 1 to 35

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11 TRANSCRIPT (EXCERPT) OF TRIAL
12 HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE DONALD L. GRAHAM
13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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1 hearing was granted, yes.

2 THE COURT: All right. And so that's been
3 accomplished.

4 So you can step outside, and I'm going to have a
5 conversation, and then I suspect you will be excused.

6 MS. CHASE: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

8 All right. Based on the evidence, I don't see any
9 improper governmental interference. Frankly, based on what I
10 have heard in the case, if the witnesses had taken the stand
11 and questions had begun, I likely would have stopped the
12 proceeding and advised them exactly as their counsel did, that
13 you understand that you potentially have some liability and
14 are you taking advantage of your Fifth Amendment privilege.
15 And based upon what I have heard, there was certainly cause
16 for these individuals to be concerned.

17 In fact, that's the government's theory and, in fact,
18 it's the defense's theory that they did it and not their
19 clients. So if there is a request to dismiss the case on that
20 basis, that request is denied.

21 Now, let's go further. I want you to take a look at
22 the instructions that you were given. This is a draft. So
23 let's go through them seriatim and decide which ones should be
24 given and which ones should not. So on page 2, we have the
25 duty to follow instructions and the presumption of innocence.