

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
DUBLIN DIVISION

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AUGUSTA DIV.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

GLADYS HARUN

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CR 322-009

O R D E R

On August 18, 2022, the Court affirmed the United States Magistrate Judge's decision to deny bond to Defendant Gladys Harun pending trial. (Doc. No. 36.) In doing so, the Court considered the following factors: (1) the nature and circumstances of the offense charged; (2) the weight of the evidence; (3) the history and characteristics of the person; and (4) the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community posed by the person's release. (Id. at 6 (citing 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(1)-(4)).) The Court determined at that time that the only factor that weighed against detention was the first factor - the nature and circumstances of the offense charged. (Id.) All other factors weighed in favor of detention, especially given the weight of the evidence and the Defendant's propensity for deceit. (Id. at 6-8.) Moreover, given her resources and foreign ties, no release conditions could reasonably assure Defendant's appearance. (Id. at 8.) Finally, the Court determined that Defendant is a threat

to the community, albeit financial,¹ because of her apparent aptitude for deceit and her access to personal identity information through her tax businesses. (Id.)

Defendant pleads for reconsideration because Jackson Hewitt has terminated her franchises, and Defendant "would lose the \$345,946 already seized by the Government" should she flee. (Doc. No. 71, ¶¶ 6 & 8.) In the Court's estimation, however, these facts change nothing. In fact, at the time of the Court's prior consideration of bond, Defendant had been charged with one count of wire fraud. She is now under a superseding indictment that additionally charges four counts of money laundering, one count of false declaration, and another wire fraud count. (Doc. No. 38.) Thus, at this point, the nature and circumstances of the offenses charged weigh more in favor of detention because Defendant is facing more time. Moreover, as pointed out by the Government, the loss of the tax franchises lessen Defendant's reasons for remaining in the United States, and the Government has only seized \$41,147 from her bank accounts. The Court cannot overlook the fact that Defendant withdrew \$100,000 from her Wells Fargo account two hours after learning she was the target of a federal grand jury investigation.

¹ The Court notes the reasonable inference that Defendant attempted to coerce or intimidate a witness. (See Order of Aug. 18, 2022, at 3.)

In short, Defendant has not presented any reason to justify reversing the Court's prior analysis of her circumstances, and upon reconsideration, the Court remains convinced that detention is warranted. Accordingly, Defendant's motion for reconsideration of pretrial detention (doc. no. 71) is **DENIED**.

ORDER ENTERED at Augusta, Georgia, this 30th day of November, 2022.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE