

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
Minutes of Proceedings**

OFFICE: CAMDEN

DATE: May 26, 2026

JUDGE KAREN M. WILLIAMS

COURT REPORTER: Kori DiMattia

TITLE OF CASE:

DOCKET NO.: 24-cr-267-KMW-3

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

JAMES WESSELS

DEFENDANT PRESENT

APPEARANCES:

JASON M. RICHARDSON - AUSA for USA

MARK W. CATANZARO, ESQUIRE – for Defendant

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Retraction and Plea to 5-Count Indictment

Ordered defendant sworn. Defendant sworn.

Application for Permission to Enter Plea of Guilty filed.

PLEA: GUILTY to Count 1 of the Indictment.

Ordered plea accepted.

Ordered Sentencing set for **October 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** in Courtroom 4A.

Consent Judgment and Preliminary Order of Forfeiture to be entered.

Ordered defendant's current conditions of release to remain in effect.

s/ NR

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TIME COMMENCED: 2:16 p.m. TIME ADJOURNED: 2:55 p.m. TOTAL TIME: 39 mins.