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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 23-20701

Hon. Stephen J. Murphy, III

CONRAD ROCKENHAUS,

Defendant.

**SUPERVISED RELEASE VIOLATION HEARING**

BEFORE THE HONORABLE STEPHEN J. MURPHY, III  
United States District Judge  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse  
231 West Lafayette Boulevard  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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4 (Proceedings commenced at 12:06 p.m., all parties  
5 present)

6 THE CLERK: All rise. United States District Court  
7 for the Eastern District of Michigan is now in session, the  
8 Honorable Stephen J. Murphy, III presiding.

9 The Court calls criminal matter 23-20701, the United  
10 States of America versus Conrad Rockenhaus. Date and time is  
11 set for a supervised release violation hearing.

12 Counsel, please state your appearances for the record  
13 beginning with the government.

14 MS. LAMBERT: Good morning. Corinne Lambert  
15 appearing on behalf of the United States.

16 THE COURT: Good morning.

17 MR. LAKIN: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Marc Lakin  
18 appearing on behalf of Conrad Rockenhaus.

19 THE COURT: It is the afternoon, isn't it? Thank  
20 you. Everybody may be seated. Welcome to Mr. Lakin as well.

21 MR. LAKIN: Thank you.

22 THE COURT: So Mr. Rockenhaus was convicted of  
23 computer crime in the Eastern District of Texas and we took  
24 over supervision I don't quite know when. Oh, 28th of  
25 December, 2023. And we have six Grade C violations: no

1 additional criminal conduct, and most troubling I guess was  
2 failure to be in touch with the probation officer. So Mr.  
3 Rockenhaus was never able to be contacted about these -- or  
4 he -- he was efforted -- we efforted to contact him about the  
5 violations but we never heard anything back.

6 So I wonder, Ms. Lambert, whether the lawyers have  
7 talked and you have perhaps a -- a solution to what we're going  
8 to do here. It doesn't seem like, you know, a huge sentence is  
9 in -- is in order, but maybe -- I don't know, maybe does --  
10 maybe Mr. Rockenhaus doesn't want to be supervised, but I  
11 thought getting things back on track might be the first step we  
12 could take. Go right ahead.

13 MS. LAMBERT: That -- Your Honor, that sounds kind of  
14 what we were thinking as well. It's my understanding that  
15 today Mr. Rockenhaus is willing to admit to each of the  
16 violations in the violation report, and if that does happen,  
17 the parties have agreed and are in favor that -- of the  
18 sentencing for these violations being delayed by approximately  
19 120 days, offer him to come into compliance, which means, most  
20 importantly, reporting as directed to his probation officer,  
21 beginning to make restitution payments, and of course complying  
22 with all of the other conditions of his supervised release.

23 That 120 days would bring us to sometime in  
24 September, and the reason for that is that he is scheduled to  
25 be discharged from supervised -- his current term of supervised

1 release in October. So I think having a baseline sometime  
2 in -- in that September and possibly delaying the sentencing  
3 until then for him to come into compliance, giving him a chance  
4 to follow the conditions of his release, I think all parties  
5 are in agreement that that would be a just resolution at this  
6 time for the time being.

7 THE COURT: All right. That all sounds good to me.  
8 Mr. Lakin, you want to be heard on this? I'm sure  
9 you do.

10 MR. LAKIN: Yes. We -- we are in agreement with  
11 everything that counsel had to say. There does seem to be --  
12 and I'm a little bit worried that after we leave here today,  
13 they still might have a problem communicating because the --  
14 the officer, the probation officer has said that even yesterday  
15 they couldn't get through to him. So I'm really troubled by  
16 that.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. LAKIN: Now, he tells me that he has T-Mobile and  
19 I -- I told him to switch to Verizon. They seem to be able to  
20 get to everywhere.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MR. LAKIN: But I wish there was a way before there's  
23 a violation if I knew --

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 MR. LAKIN: -- 'cuz he's great at communicating with

1 me.

2 THE COURT: Yeah.

3 MR. LAKIN: I wish there was a way I could get a  
4 heads-up to -- to intervene almost, if -- if that -- I mean  
5 I'll volunteer to do whatever it takes. I just don't want  
6 to -- I just don't want this to get so far along that  
7 there's -- you know, we -- we pile up these allegation --

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MR. LAKIN: -- these allegations.

10 THE COURT: Well, I -- I think that's very sensible.  
11 And I -- I also think had Mr. Rockenhaus had a lawyer before  
12 today's appearance, maybe we would have had more success. But  
13 Mr. Konal is one of our very, very finest probation officers,  
14 and I'm sure that he will take every effort to solve the  
15 communication problem on his end. And then I don't -- I don't  
16 think it would be unreasonable before filing a violation with  
17 the Court, if it's just a matter of communication, that he  
18 reach out to you before doing that, but I'll -- I'll leave that  
19 to you all to discuss after you leave here today. But I, and  
20 I'm sure Mr. Konal as well, would want to avoid violating this  
21 man since he's -- we can give him a four- -- four-month tryout  
22 and get him off of supervised release, that would be in  
23 everybody's interests, so... all right?

24 MR. LAKIN: Thank you.

25 THE COURT: Why don't you come on up to the

1 microphone and we'll -- we'll get through this.

2 I do want to thank both lawyers for talking with each  
3 other in advance and proposing a sensible solution here.

4 Mr. Rockenhaus, the six violations are failure to  
5 refrain from unlawful drug use. You used a wax that contained  
6 marijuana allegedly.

7 No monthly restitution payments since December of  
8 '23. Restitution had been set at 800 a month in Texas. We'd  
9 like to get you back on track with your -- with your  
10 restitution to the victim of the crime in Texas.

11 Failure to report to the probation officer.

12 Opening new lines of credit with a restitution amount  
13 owing.

14 Possessing a device that looked to be an Apple iPhone  
15 cellular device that wasn't previously discussed with the  
16 Probation Office.

17 So I guess there's actually five, not six, Grade C  
18 violations, but those are what you are charged with having not  
19 done in the past several months. How do you wish to plead to  
20 those violations now? You can say "I didn't do it" or "I  
21 accept responsibility and I'm guilty," and that's -- that's  
22 about it. What -- how would you like to plead now?

23 DEFENDANT ROCKENHAUS: I accept responsibility and  
24 I'm guilty, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Very good. Mr. Rockenhaus did

1 accept responsibility for the four violations. I'll take that  
2 under advisement. I -- I appreciate that very much.

3 Mr. Lakin, if I -- if I can save you some time here,  
4 I will. You and your client both have the right to speak  
5 before sentencing, but my inclination would be to move the  
6 sentencing date to sometime in September, closer to the 4th of  
7 October, and if -- if I don't hear anything from Mr. Rockenhaus  
8 between then and now, I'll sentence him to a day in custody,  
9 credit for time served, and we can get him off of supervised  
10 release and on with his life, but that would be my -- my  
11 proposal at this time.

12 MR. LAKIN: That's fine. That's perfect.

13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So we will adjourn  
14 this matter for 120 days, have sentencing mid to end September,  
15 and that date will be the 30th of September, 2025, 11:00 a.m.,  
16 here in Detroit.

17 All I would say, Mr. -- Mr. Rockenhaus, by way of  
18 encouragement is that you are very close to the finish line.  
19 Do what they ask you to do -- Mr. Konal is a great guy -- and  
20 we'll -- we'll all be done with each other, okay?

21 DEFENDANT ROCKENHAUS: Yes, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: All right. Very good. Thank you all  
23 very much.

24 MR. LAKIN: Thank you.

25 MS. LAMBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: Thank you.

(Proceedings concluded at 12:15 p.m.)

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