

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	}	
vs.	}	2:26-cr-40
JOSEPH GARRETT BUCKLAND,	}	
Defendant.	}	

PRESENTENCE ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of **April, 2026**, the Court **HEREBY ORDERS** that the Probation Office shall prepare a presentence investigation report. In accordance with LCrR 32(C), the following deadlines shall apply:

1. **Response to Information Establishing Prior Conviction.** If the government has filed an information establishing a prior conviction, Defendant shall file a response to the Information to Establish Prior Conviction filed by the United States by **April 29, 2026**. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 851(b) and (c), the response must state: (1) whether Defendant affirms or denies the allegations of the information of prior convictions and/or whether he claims that any convictions alleged are invalid; and (2) the basis for any denials or challenges. The Court hereby informs Defendant that any challenge to a prior conviction that is not made before the sentence is imposed may not later be raised to attack the sentence.

2. **Draft Presentence Report.** The Probation Office shall disclose a draft of its presentence investigation report to the parties by **June 24, 2026**.

3. **Administrative Resolution.** Following disclosure of the presentence investigation report, the parties shall confer with the Probation Office and, pursuant to LCrR32(C)(2), complete the administrative resolution of any disputes by **July 8, 2026**.

4. **Disclosure of Presentence Report to the Court.** The Probation Office shall disclose the final presentence report to the Court and the parties by **July 22, 2026**.

5. **Objections; Positions of the Parties.** The parties shall file written position statements with respect to sentencing factors, in accordance with LCrR 32(C)(4), Fed R. Crim. P. 32(f), and U.S.S.G. § 6A1.2(b), by **August 19, 2026**. Each party's position statement must include the meet and confer certification required by LCrR32(C)(4).

6. **Responses to Objections and Positions.** Either party may file a response to the opposing party's position with respect to sentencing factors by **August 26, 2026**.

7. **Actions on Objections; Addendum.** The Probation Office shall file any necessary addendum to its presentence report by **September 9, 2026**.

8. **Restitution and Victim Impact Materials.** The Probation Office shall e-mail any restitution requests, restitution agreements, and victim impact statements to the courtroom deputy by **September 23, 2026**.

9. **Sentencing Memoranda and Supplemental Information.** The parties shall file sentencing memoranda and any other supplemental information with respect to sentencing by **October 15, 2026**. Any responses to sentencing memoranda or other filings are due by **October 22, 2026**.

10. **Content of Sentencing Memoranda.** The parties are free to bring any relevant matters to the Court's attention in their sentencing briefs, and structure their briefs in a manner that they believe to be most helpful or persuasive. To provide some guidance to the parties, the Court provides some general instructions and information regarding the parties' sentencing memoranda:

- **Information supporting any factual stipulations.** If the parties have stipulated to certain facts, such as drug quantity or restitution, it is helpful to provide the basis for these stipulations. For example, a summary of the evidence that forms the basis for a drug-quantity stipulation is helpful, as is an accounting or calculation as to any stipulated amounts of restitution.
- **Relative culpability.** In cases involving multiple defendants, information or argument as to different defendants' respective roles and culpability is helpful for the Court in assessing sentencing disparities.
- **General deterrence.** For any crimes where general deterrence is of particular importance, specific support for consideration of that factor is helpful.
- **Specific sentencing requests.** The Court is not offended if either side advocates for specific kinds or lengths of sentences in their briefs, or at the sentencing hearing.
- **Boilerplate briefs.** There isn't a need to submit "boilerplate" sentencing briefs that summarily go through the Section 3553 factors. So, if there is nothing important to emphasize in the sentencing briefs, counsel should feel free to say as much, or indicate that the application of the Section 3553 factors is straightforward and will be addressed at the sentencing hearing.

11. **Sentencing Hearing.** Sentencing is set for **October 29, 2026** at **10:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 6C, 6th Floor, United States Courthouse, 700 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Continuances of this date will not be granted absent a showing of good cause.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ J. Nicholas Ranjan
United States District Judge