

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT SIMERLY,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:24-CR-00219-DCN-DKG

**REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION**

On August 27, 2025, Defendant ROBERT SIMERLY appeared before the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge to enter a change of plea pursuant to a written plea agreement. (Dkt. 109). The Defendant executed a waiver of the right to have the presiding United States District Judge take his change of plea. Thereafter, the Court explained to the Defendant the nature of the charges contained in the Superseding Indictment (Dkt. 28), the maximum penalties applicable, his Constitutional rights, the impact that the Sentencing Guidelines will have, and that the District Judge will not be bound by the agreement of the parties as to the penalty to be imposed.

Having conducted the change of plea hearing and having inquired of the Defendant, defense counsel, and counsel for the government, the Court finds there is a factual basis for the Defendant's guilty plea, that it was entered voluntarily and with full knowledge of the consequences, and that the plea should be accepted. The undersigned also ordered a pre-sentence investigation to be conducted and a report prepared by the United States Probation Office.

Because the offense to which Defendant entered a guilty plea is an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), subjecting Defendant to detention upon a finding of guilt under Section 3143(a)(2), the undersigned considered whether, under Section 3145(c), exceptional reasons were clearly shown as to why Defendant's detention pending imposition of sentencing would not be appropriate.

In this case, the Government moved for detention on January 27, 2025. (Dkt.52). A detention hearing was held where the Government withdrew its motion and the parties agreed to terms of release. (Dkt. 62). Accordingly, the Court entered an Order of Release on February 10, 2025. (Dkt. 63). Defendant has been on release since that date and has no reported violations of the terms of release. While on release, Defendant has maintained a stable residence with family, including his fiancé and minor child. Defendant has actively pursued employment opportunities and has submitted to drug testing as directed. The Government represents that it does not have information or reason to believe Defendant is at an enhanced risk of flight or danger to the community at this time.

Upon consideration of the totality of the circumstances presented in this case, including the conditions of release, and upon finding Defendant is exceptionally unlikely to flee or cause a danger to the community if release is continued, the Court recommends release be continued. The Court finds that exceptional reasons have been clearly shown by Defendant that detention pending imposition of sentencing would not be appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED:**

- 1) The District Court accept Defendant ROBERT SIMERLY's plea of guilty to Count One of the Superseding Indictment (Dkt. 28).
- 2) The District Court order forfeiture consistent with Defendant ROBERT SIMERLY's admission to the Criminal Forfeiture allegation in the Superseding Indictment (Dkt. 28) and the Plea Agreement (Dkt. 109).
- 3) The District Court continue Defendant's release pending sentencing, subject to the standard and additional conditions of release previously imposed in the Order Setting Conditions of Release. (Dkt. 63).

Written objections to this Report and Recommendation must be filed within fourteen (14) days pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Rule 72.1(b), or as a result of failing to do so, that party may waive the right to raise factual and/or legal objections to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



DATED: August 26, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Debora K. Grasham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Honorable Debora K. Grasham  
United States Magistrate Judge