

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Norfolk Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Criminal No. 2:21-MJ-52
)	
WILLIAM DOUGLAS RANKIN,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

DISMISSAL OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Pursuant to Rule 48(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Raj Parekh, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and John F. Butler and E. Rebecca Gantt, Assistant United States Attorneys, hereby files a dismissal of the Criminal Complaint filed in this case on February 11, 2021. ECF No. 1.

The criminal complaint charged the defendant, WILLIAM DOUGLAS RANKIN, with violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1114(3), attempted murder of a person assisting an officer or employee of the United States government in the performance of official duties; 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(iii), possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence; 18 U.S.C. § 111, assault of a person assisting an officer or employee of the United States government in the performance of official duties; 18 U.S.C. § 930(b), possession of firearms in a federal facility; and 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), felon in possession of firearms and ammunition.

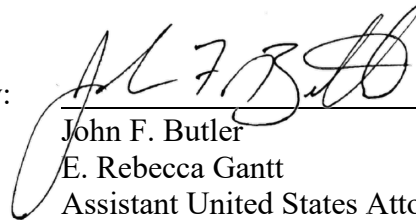
As alleged in the complaint, the charges stemmed from allegations that on February 8, 2021, the defendant entered the Social Security Administration building in Norfolk, armed with a .380 firearm, a 9mm rifle, and approximately 600 rounds of ammunition, including three fully loaded extended 9mm magazines, and shot a security guard at the building multiple times. The

defendant, who was injured by return fire from the security guard, was taken to a local hospital. The United States has learned that on March 3, 2021, medical personnel at the hospital pronounced the defendant deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

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ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

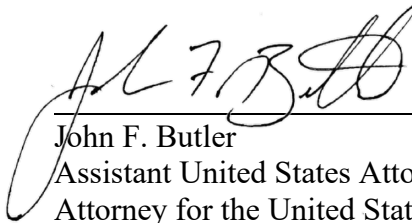
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4th day of March, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system.



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