

No. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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WILLIE JONES, JR.,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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**On Petition For A Writ of *Certiorari* To The United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit**

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**APPENDIX –VOLUME I**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

WILLIE JONES, JR.,

Defendant-Appellant

No. 18-50079

D.C. No.  
CR-16-01448-WQH-1

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of California  
William Q. Hayes, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and submitted May 15, 2019  
Pasadena, California

Before: WARDLAW and HURWITZ, Circuit Judges, and KORMAN,\*\* District Judge.

Willie Jones picked up three undocumented aliens near the United States-Mexico border and dropped them off on the side of the road approximately a quarter mile before reaching a border checkpoint on Highway 94. A passing motorcyclist observed the three men exiting Jones's silver vehicle, reported his

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\*\* The Honorable Edward R. Korman, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, sitting by designation.

observations to border patrol agents, and then identified Jones's vehicle as it approached the checkpoint. Jones was sent to secondary inspection and held there for approximately one hour. During this time, border patrol agents found the three men hiding in the bushes, at which point they arrested Jones for alien smuggling.

Jones argued unsuccessfully in the district court that his detention and arrest were illegal and should be suppressed. Throughout the proceedings against him, Jones was appointed five different attorneys at his request. The district judge refused to substitute out his fifth attorney and denied his motion to proceed pro se at trial and at sentencing. Following Jones's conviction for transporting illegal aliens, the district judge declined to apply a minor role adjustment under the Sentencing Guidelines and imposed concurrent sentences of 21 months of incarceration and three years of supervised release. This appeal followed.

1. The district judge did not err in finding that the border patrol agents possessed reasonable suspicion sufficient to detain Jones at the border. *See United States v. Wilson*, 7 F.3d 828, 834 (9th Cir. 1993). Based on the totality of the circumstances—including the motorcyclist's in-person, eyewitness, contemporaneous tip; the border patrol agent's knowledge of alien smuggling in the area; Jones's statement that he was coming from a border city; and Jones's driver's license showing a non-local address—the district judge did not err in finding that there was reasonable suspicion to detain Jones. *See Navarette v.*

*California*, 572 U.S. 393, 401-04 (2014); *United States v. Palos-Marquez*, 591 F.3d 1272, 1274-77 (9th Cir. 2010); *United States v. Valdes-Vega*, 738 F.3d 1074, 1077, 1079-80 (9th Cir. 2013) (en banc).

2. The district judge did not abuse his discretion by denying Jones a sixth court-appointed attorney. Contrary to Jones’s assertion, the district judge did not categorically preclude Jones from substituting his fifth attorney because he had previously substituted four. Instead, the judge made a type of “general unreasonableness” finding, *see United States v. Mendez-Sanchez*, 563 F.3d 935, 944 (9th Cir. 2009), based on the fact that Jones’s “pattern [was] the same” with each of his four previous attorneys. To the extent that there was a “breakdown in communication” between Jones and his fifth attorney, it was Jones who refused to communicate, and he may not take advantage of this refusal to obtain a new attorney. *See United States v. Roston*, 986 F.2d 1287, 1292-93 (9th Cir. 1993).

3. Similarly, the district judge did not abuse his discretion in denying Jones’s motion to represent himself, made on the morning of trial, after finding that his purpose was to delay proceedings. *Cf. United States v. Farias*, 618 F.3d 1049, 1052-53 (9th Cir. 2010). This was based on his pre-trial conduct—such as continually substituting attorneys and refusing to leave his holding cell on a previous trial date—and the fact that he was asking for a continuance to prepare to proceed pro se at trial. *See Fritz v. Spalding*, 682 F.2d 782, 784 (9th Cir. 1982).



Similarly, the district judge properly denied Jones's post-trial *Faretta* motion after a conference during which Jones was belligerent, disruptive, combative, and unresponsive to the questions the district judge asked in an attempt to make the appropriate *Faretta* inquiry. *See United States v. Lopez-Osuna*, 242 F.3d 1191, 1199 (9th Cir. 2001) (“[The defendant] must be able and willing to abide by rules of procedure and courtroom protocol.” (internal quotation marks and citation omitted)).

4. Lastly, the district judge did not abuse his discretion in denying Jones a minor role adjustment. The district judge considered the five non-exhaustive factors used to determine whether a defendant is entitled to a minor role reduction, *see* U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual § 3B1.2, cmt. n.3(C), and properly found that Jones did not carry his burden of demonstrating that these factors weighed in his favor. *See United States v. Cordova Barajas*, 360 F.3d 1037, 1042 (9th Cir. 2004).

**AFFIRMED.**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

WILLIE JONES JR. (1)

## JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)

Case Number: 16CR1448-WQH

DAVID ZUGMAN, CJA

Defendant's Attorney

REGISTRATION NO. 56419298

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THE DEFENDANT:

☐

pleaded guilty to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☒was found guilty on count(s) 1-3 OF THE INDICTMENT

after a plea of not guilty.

Accordingly, the defendant is adjudged guilty of such count(s), which involve the following offense(s):

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Count Number(s)</u>
8 USC 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)	TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN ALIENS	1-3

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 4 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_☐ Count(s) \_\_\_\_\_is ☐are ☐

dismissed on the motion of the United States.

☒ Assessment: \$300.00 (\$100.00 EACH COUNT)☒ Fine waived☐ Forfeiture pursuant to order filed \_\_\_\_\_, included herein.

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

FEBRAURY 27, 2018

Date of Imposition of Sentence

HON. WILLIAM Q. HAYES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DEFENDANT: WILLIE JONES JR. (1)

CASE NUMBER: 16CR1448-WQH

### IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of  
CTS 1-3: 21 MONTHS AS TO EACH COUNT CONCURRENTLY

- ☐ Sentence imposed pursuant to Title 8 USC Section 1326(b).  
☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:  
That the defendant be designated to a facility in the Western Region

- ☐ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.  
☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:  
☐ at \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_,  
as notified by the United States Marshal.

- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:  
☐ before \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.  
☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

### RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

16CR1448-WQH

DEFENDANT: WILLIE JONES JR. (1)

CASE NUMBER: 16CR1448-WQH

**SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of :

CTS 1-3: 3 YEARS AS TO EACH COUNT CONCURRENTLY

The defendant shall report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

*For offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994:*

The defendant shall not illegally possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter as determined by the court. Testing requirements will not exceed submission of more than 4 drug tests per month during the term of supervision, unless otherwise ordered by court.

- ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)
- ☒ The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon.
- ☒ The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant, pursuant to section 3 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000, pursuant to 18 USC sections 3563(a)(7) and 3583(d).
- ☐ The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which he or she resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. (Check if applicable.)
- ☐ The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (Check, if applicable.)

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution obligation, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay any such fine or restitution that remains unpaid at the commencement of the term of supervised release in accordance with the Schedule of Payments set forth in this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court. The defendant shall also comply with any special conditions imposed.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

DEFENDANT: WILLIE JONES JR. (1)  
CASE NUMBER: 16CR1448-WQH**SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- ☒ Submit person, property, residence, office or vehicle to a search, conducted by a United States Probation Officer at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a violation of a condition of release; failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation; the defendant shall warn any other residents that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.
- ☐ If deported, excluded, or allowed to voluntarily return to country of origin, not reenter the United States illegally and report to the probation officer within 24 hours of any reentry to the United States; supervision waived upon deportation, exclusion or voluntary departure.
- ☐ Not transport, harbor, or assist undocumented aliens.
- ☐ Not associate with undocumented aliens or alien smugglers.
- ☐ Not reenter the United States illegally.
- ☒ Not enter or reside in the Republic of Mexico without written permission of the Court or probation officer.
- ☒ Report all vehicles owned or operated, or in which you have an interest, to the probation officer.
- ☐ Not possess any narcotic drug or controlled substance without a lawful medical prescription.
- ☐ Not associate with known users of, smugglers of, or dealers in narcotics, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs in any form.
- ☒ The defendant shall participate in a cognitive behavioral treatment program as directed by the probation officer, and if deemed necessary by the probation officer. Such program may include group sessions led by a counselor, or participation in a program administered by the probation office. The defendant may be required to contribute to the cost of the service rendered (copayment) in the amount to be determined by the program officer, based on the defendant's ability to pay.
- ☐ Take no medication containing a controlled substance without valid medical prescription, and provide proof of prescription to the probation officer, if directed.
- ☐ Provide complete disclosure of personal and business financial records to the probation officer as requested.
- ☐ Be prohibited from opening checking accounts or incurring new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without approval of the probation officer.
- ☐ Seek and maintain full time employment and/or schooling or a combination of both.
- ☐ Resolve all outstanding warrants within \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- ☐ Complete \_\_\_\_\_ hours of community service in a program approved by the probation officer within \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Reside in a Residential Reentry Center (RRC) as directed by the probation officer for a period of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Participate in a program of drug or alcohol abuse treatment, including urinalysis or sweat patch testing and counseling, as directed by the probation officer. Allow for reciprocal release of information between the probation officer and the treatment provider. May be required to contribute to the costs of services rendered in an amount to be determined by the probation officer, based on the defendant's ability to pay.

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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5 Plaintiff, ) No. 16-CR-1448-WQH  
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6 v. ) November 7, 2017  
 )  
7 WILLIE JONES, JR., ) 9:00 a.m.  
 )  
8 Defendant. ) San Diego, California  
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10 TRANSCRIPT OF JURY TRIAL - DAY ONE  
11 BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM Q. HAYES  
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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1 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER 7, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

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3 (Jury not present, Defendant not present.)

4 THE CLERK: Number one on calendar, case 16-CR-1448,  
5 United States of America vs Willie Jones Jr, on for jury trial,  
6 Day 1.

7 MR. ZUGMAN: Good morning, Your Honor. David Zugman  
8 on behalf of Willie Jones, who is not yet present.

9 THE COURT: Good morning.

10 MR. MOKHTARI: Good morning, Your Honor. Kevin  
11 Mokhtari and Meghan Heesch for the United States. Along with  
12 Agent Costello.

13 THE COURT: Good morning.

14 (Defendant present.)

15 THE COURT: Actually, Mr. Jones can sit right there.  
16 He can sit right there.

17 All right. Mr. Zugman, are you prepared to go forward  
18 with trial?

19 MR. ZUGMAN: Yes, Your Honor. However, Mr. Jones  
20 informs me he wants to address the Court. I believe he's  
21 written Your Honor a letter, which he wants to provide to the  
22 Court, which I would be happy to take up to Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Jones, what is the issue? Mr. Zugman  
24 represents you.

25 THE DEFENDANT: Revocation of power of attorney.



1 Revoking his -- for him not to be represent me, for me to  
2 exercise my citizenship, as well as my Faretta rights, to  
3 represent myself. I feel that all the previous attorneys that  
4 you have provided for me has damaged my case, and there is no  
5 way I can get a fair trial unless I address the illegalities in  
6 my case so it be can a truthful and the jury can see the whole  
7 picture of what has been -- what took place on June 11th.

8 And there is a due process violation from the very  
9 beginning dealing with Scott Pactor when I asked to represent  
10 myself because -- seemed like the more attorneys you put on my  
11 case, they keep damaging my case, and you provided funds for  
12 investigation, and I feel that the previous attorneys and this  
13 attorney right here has stolen the money or had did something,  
14 misplaced it, or not allowed an investigation to take place.

15 THE COURT: Are you prepared to go forward today  
16 representing yourself, Mr. Jones?

17 THE DEFENDANT: No, I am not.

18 THE COURT: So you are requesting a continuance to  
19 represent yourself?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Jones, anything else you want to  
22 add about why you want to represent yourself?

23 THE DEFENDANT: For I -- there is -- there is evidence  
24 -- new found evidence that needs to be investigated, dealing  
25 with one of the material witnesses has been arrested, and I

1 haven't been aware of that until I asked David Zugman about it,  
2 and he gave me all the transcripts about the material witness  
3 Hernandez, Jose Alberto Hernandez-Hernandez.

4 He was arrested right after he got released, and he  
5 told the same story in my case about his Auntie Rosa  
6 providing -- I guess paying for his smuggling, so I feel he has  
7 a right to be cleared of this. He is accusing her of paying  
8 for him to be smuggled, and this is the same information that  
9 they gave the Government that they used in a case.

10 So I have a right to have an investigator to see if  
11 there is truthful to that to downplay his credibility, because  
12 he is the main witness that they are using to say that he  
13 provided incriminating information on June 11th at 2:30. I was  
14 arrested at 2:45, and this plays a part as the probable cause  
15 to have me arrested.

16 And I've been saying from the beginning with the  
17 attorneys that this had not been addressed -- I feel you have  
18 been misled, especially during the evidentiary hearing, where  
19 Mokhtari told you there was confusion, loss of translation when  
20 a specific question was asked of one of the witnesses, did they  
21 give information to Agent Kratt during the field interview.

22 There was nothing in the -- in the evidence or in the  
23 transcript that can say that they was corroborated, that that  
24 took place, and Mokhtari had you to believe that when that  
25 question was asked, that they didn't -- there was confusion in

1 that. So under for Rule 403, if there is confusion in the  
2 deposition, that needs to be excluded, and this witness needs  
3 to come back so I can confront them.

4 And there is an investigation of another witness named  
5 Gerard Brown, who they say that supposedly hired me. I have a  
6 right to have him interviewed. David Zugman has refused at  
7 multiple times me asking him to do this to have -- to send an  
8 investigator to investigate Gerard Brown because they are  
9 saying he supposedly talked to me that day and I talked to him  
10 on the cellphone and that he was the one that hired me to pick  
11 up these illegal aliens, so I have a right to confront him.

12 And also I have a right to confront the Auntie Rosa,  
13 as well as the other smugglers that is supposed to be part of  
14 the case.

15 And also with the elements of the case, dealing with  
16 the cattails, I have not been provided a bills of forensic to  
17 see if the cattails actually came from the material witnesses.  
18 They say the cattails was left in my car due to the material  
19 witnesses being in my car. I haven't been provided with  
20 nothing that proved that evidence that these witnesses was in  
21 my car, nothing about no forensic as the cattails supposedly  
22 came from them to say if this is true or not.

23 THE COURT: So you want a continuance then; is that  
24 right?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I would like to investigate more

1 to this case so the jury can see and get a full and clear and  
2 truthfulness of this case, and I feel that it weighs more on  
3 the prosecutor side to convict me because certain things have  
4 not been brought to the surface, and I feel that you, the judge  
5 before you in the grand jury has been misled with certain  
6 information that was not provided to you guys when you made  
7 your decision.

8 And I am asking for the grand jury transcripts to go  
9 in there and show -- or to provide -- to find out if this  
10 really took place, because there is information that has been  
11 withheld from me about the phones. There was a -- what you  
12 call -- a warrant, a search warrant to go into my phone.

13 I don't know -- I know -- I think that -- I believe  
14 today that the Government went inside the phones without  
15 securing a search warrant, and that right there is a violation  
16 of my privacy, Fourth Amendment, bill of -- the other --  
17 dealing with the other witnesses for the probable cause, the  
18 Fourth Amendment.

19 There is just a lot of violations going on in this  
20 case --

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 THE DEFENDANT: -- due process violation of Brady,  
23 especially of Brady, withholding information from me, so I can  
24 prepare a defense.

25 There is unfairness from -- since I've been

1 incarcerated, I feel that my bond been taken away from me to  
2 be forced in here, to stay in here, and allow me to take a deal  
3 or to be dragged around. Because under the Rule 3142, if this  
4 is temporary detention, why I am still in here if I only -- if  
5 I was supposed to have been accused of smoking weed and that is  
6 a dirty test?

7           You have put me in a program out there. You didn't  
8 allow the program to work. I should have been released on bond  
9 after ten days, but the Rule -- I mean, the 3142 says that, you  
10 know, either you are going to, you know, allow me to go out --  
11 because I feel I am no danger to society.

12           I was out there working. I have a son that is  
13 12 years that just started school, and I was -- I wanted to be  
14 there -- the day you took me in, that is the first day he  
15 started school.

16           And I wanted to be there on this day coming back from  
17 school to see how he -- how he program -- or how he presented  
18 himself in school so I can, you know, guide him because this is  
19 his first day, but, you know, you took me from my family, and  
20 from my -- you made me -- basically you put me in poverty  
21 because I lost my job. I was working for Lyft.

22           I was providing -- I don't have my Social Security. I  
23 have a mental illness that I had just gotten better. Due to  
24 this case, it has caused me to go more and more into  
25 depression. You had did it -- especially you did a psych

1 evaluation on me to see where my mind was at because I decided  
2 not to come in here because of the due process violations.

3 But I ask to be released today on bond because I am a  
4 productive citizen. I do believe in making America great  
5 again, and I can -- and I can get better access to more legal  
6 stuff if I am released. There is a LA law library that I was  
7 participating in, I signed up for, and that would help me put  
8 my case together and do more things.

9 I thought when I had Zugman that he was going to  
10 really help me in this case, but he dropped the ball on me, as  
11 well as the previous, but you have been on record speaking  
12 highly of these attorneys and not investigating what have they  
13 done.

14 I come in here not really prepared because I believed  
15 that the federal courts was going to have some type of justice  
16 or fairness that I was going to be, you know, represented, as  
17 you all took the oath, you know, but I don't see none of that.  
18 I just see that you are all trying to rush me to trial so that  
19 the Government can tell their side without certain evidence  
20 being brought in.

21 Now, I have evidence that can show that I have been  
22 denied a defense, and I have -- I have evidence to show that  
23 there is a false reporting that has not been corrected, and I  
24 believe you have been -- I've been mad at you because I am  
25 thinking that you've been behind this, but I feel that you've

1 just been misled, and there is egregious error that is going on  
2 in this case that needs to be brought to the surface.

3 THE COURT: All right. Well, Mr. Jones, I am going to  
4 consider your request, and I am going to rule on your request  
5 to represent yourself, but before I do, does the Government  
6 wish to be heard?

7 MR. MOKHTARI: Does the Court wish us to address any  
8 of the issues that he brought up?

9 THE COURT: No. I am going to rule on his request to  
10 represent himself, and before I did, I was going to give anyone  
11 an opportunity to weigh in, if they wanted to.

12 MR. MOKHTARI: Sure. The only thing that I would  
13 correct are some of the factual things that he said about the  
14 discovery.

15 THE COURT: I understand there is different points of  
16 views to that.

17 All right. When a defendant makes an unequivocal,  
18 voluntary, and intelligent request to proceed pro se, a  
19 district court may refuse the request only in limited  
20 circumstances. In fact, a timely request to proceed pro se  
21 made unequivocally, knowingly, and intelligently must be  
22 granted so long as it is not made for purposes of delay and the  
23 defendant is competent.

24 In this instance I am going to deny the request  
25 because I do find that it is made for purposes of delay. On

1 June 11th, 2016, the defendant was arrested. At that time he  
2 was represented by Federal Defenders.

3 Scott Pactor represented the defendant starting on  
4 approximately July 9th of 2016. The defendant was released on  
5 bond. Mr. Pactor filed motions for the defendant.

6 The defendant had issues with Mr. Pactor. Mr. Kraus  
7 was appointed. Mr. Kraus represented the defendant for a few  
8 weeks. Then Mr. Cheeks in September of 2016 -- appointed in  
9 September of 2016 represented -- Mr. Cheeks was appointed to  
10 represent him, and he represented him through it looks like  
11 February.

12 I would note that it looks like it was in April --  
13 excuse me -- it was in 2017, Mr. Cheeks represented him, and  
14 then motions were filed. There was a trial date that was set  
15 for April 18th of 2017. Then April 10th, about eight days  
16 before, defendant then requested new counsel because he had  
17 issues with Mr. Cheeks, and so I granted that new counsel, and  
18 vacated the trial date on April 18th because on the eve of  
19 trial the defendant had issues with Mr. Cheeks and he wanted  
20 new counsel.

21 I would note that certainly the issue of whether or  
22 not Mr. Jones was going to represent himself I had raised on my  
23 own a few times to indicate -- to inquire as to whether that  
24 was the course that he wished to take.

25 Mr. Boesen was then appointed represent the defendant,



1 and Mr. Boesen came in and had issues -- that Mr. Jones had  
2 with Mr. Boesen, and Mr. Boesen also expressed some concerns  
3 about continuing to represent Mr. Jones. And then Mr. Zugman  
4 was appointed to represent the defendant, and Mr. Zugman has  
5 represented him.

6 And we had a trial that was scheduled, I believe it  
7 was in early September. The trial was here. The jury was  
8 downstairs -- or outside the courtroom, and at that point the  
9 defendant then refused to leave the cell, and rather than have  
10 him physically dragged out here, I thought the best course  
11 would be to have him evaluated, to get a mental evaluation of  
12 Mr. Jones to see whether or not there was a mental issue that  
13 was causing the issues, and it came back, certainly as  
14 suspected, that Mr. Jones was competent.

15 So the issue of self-representation has been raised  
16 throughout the case, and Mr. Jones has always indicated he  
17 didn't want to represent himself, and I do think that he's done  
18 everything he can to delay the process, and I do find that this  
19 is the case where it is made for purposes of delay.

20 And part of my analysis and part of my conclusion is  
21 that this will be the third time that we've been on the eve of  
22 trial that there's been an issue that Mr. Jones raised. On the  
23 last time -- in April with Mr. Cheeks, who had done a fine job  
24 representing the defendant, we had extensive motion hearings,  
25 the evidentiary hearings. Mr. Cheeks is a very well-respected

1 lawyer, and then, again, Mr. Jones had issues with him which  
2 necessitated in the trial being vacated.

3 And then the last time you were here, Mr. Jones, I  
4 think even at the motion in limine process, indicated he didn't  
5 want to go to trial, he was upset that the trial was fast  
6 approaching, and then his refusal to come out of the cell was  
7 in my view and certainly the mental evaluation confirms that  
8 was done entirely for the purpose of delay to prevent the case  
9 from going forward.

10 And so the issues now that Mr. Jones raises as to why  
11 he wants to represent himself, they have been the same issues  
12 that have been raised throughout the trial, the same issues  
13 about -- that were either expressed at the evidentiary hearing  
14 or his concerns about that he wants to explore other issues,  
15 most of which are not relevant to the case.

16 THE DEFENDANT: That is not true.

17 THE COURT: Don't interrupt. Don't interrupt me.

18 But the issue is whether or not he has a right to  
19 represent himself, and certainly, you know, defendants do have  
20 a right. This is -- I think this is just the rare, rare case  
21 where it is being made for purposes of delay, and the record  
22 being what it is, is that he was arrested in June of 2016,  
23 we're now the sixth lawyer, the issue whether he wanted to  
24 represent himself I raised on my own at least once, if not more  
25 than once.

1           This is the third trial date that we've had -- at  
2   least the third, and it is the second time -- the second time  
3   that we've been set to go to trial, and the most recent time he  
4   absolutely just refused to come out, and rather, as I  
5   indicated, have him dragged out here, I thought it was better  
6   to have him evaluated.

7           So I do think that in considering the entirety of the  
8   record that this is the rare, rare case where the record in my  
9   view demonstrates that this request to represent himself is  
10   being made entirely for the purposes of delay, and so for those  
11   reasons it is denied, and Mr. Zugman will continue to represent  
12   the defendant.

13           THE DEFENDANT: I would like to address that, what you  
14   said, Your Honor.

15           THE COURT: No.

16           MR. ZUGMAN: May I make two quick points?

17           THE DEFENDANT: Excuse me, excuse me.

18           THE COURT: No, no. Mr. Jones, you are to remain  
19   silent. You did not represent yourself. I ruled on that.

20           THE DEFENDANT: I would like to address the Court.

21           THE COURT: No.

22           MR. ZUGMAN: I would offer the option if he,  
23   Mr. Jones, under Faretta, should be offered the option of  
24   representing himself today. There is the third possibility.

25           THE COURT: I understand.

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Southern District of California,  
San Diego

ORDER AMENDING  
MEMORANDUM AND  
DENYING PETITION FOR  
PANEL REHEARING AND  
REHEARING EN BANC

Before: WARDLAW and HURWITZ, Circuit Judges, and KORMAN,\* District Judge.

The memorandum disposition filed on May 30, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

Page 3, lines 14-15 – change <Similarly, the district judge did not abuse his discretion in denying Jones’s motion to represent himself> to <Although “we have not yet clarified whether denial of a *Faretta* request is reviewed de novo or for abuse of discretion,” *United States v. Kaczynski*, 239 F.3d 1108, 1116 (9th Cir. 2001), the district judge did not err under either standard in denying Jones’s motion to represent himself>.

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\* The Honorable Edward R. Korman, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, sitting by designation.

With this amendment, the panel has voted to deny the petition for panel rehearing. Judges Wardlaw and Hurwitz have also voted to deny the petition for rehearing en banc, and Judge Korman so recommends.

The full court has been advised of the petition for rehearing en banc and no judge has requested a vote on whether to rehear the matter en banc. Fed. R. App. P. 35.

The petition for panel rehearing and rehearing en banc, Dkt. 50, is **DENIED**.

No additional petitions for rehearing will be entertained.

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AMENDED MEMORANDUM\*

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of California  
William Q. Hayes, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and submitted May 15, 2019  
Pasadena, California

Before: WARDLAW and HURWITZ, Circuit Judges, and KORMAN,\*\* District Judge.

Willie Jones picked up three undocumented aliens near the United States-Mexico border and dropped them off on the side of the road approximately a quarter mile before reaching a border checkpoint on Highway 94. A passing motorcyclist observed the three men exiting Jones's silver vehicle, reported his

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

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observations to border patrol agents, and then identified Jones's vehicle as it approached the checkpoint. Jones was sent to secondary inspection and held there for approximately one hour. During this time, border patrol agents found the three men hiding in the bushes, at which point they arrested Jones for alien smuggling.

Jones argued unsuccessfully in the district court that his detention and arrest were illegal and should be suppressed. Throughout the proceedings against him, Jones was appointed five different attorneys at his request. The district judge refused to substitute out his fifth attorney and denied his motion to proceed pro se at trial and at sentencing. Following Jones's conviction for transporting illegal aliens, the district judge declined to apply a minor role adjustment under the Sentencing Guidelines and imposed concurrent sentences of 21 months of incarceration and three years of supervised release. This appeal followed.

1. The district judge did not err in finding that the border patrol agents possessed reasonable suspicion sufficient to detain Jones at the border. *See United States v. Wilson*, 7 F.3d 828, 834 (9th Cir. 1993). Based on the totality of the circumstances—including the motorcyclist's in-person, eyewitness, contemporaneous tip; the border patrol agent's knowledge of alien smuggling in the area; Jones's statement that he was coming from a border city; and Jones's driver's license showing a non-local address—the district judge did not err in finding that there was reasonable suspicion to detain Jones. *See Navarette v.*



*California*, 572 U.S. 393, 401-04 (2014); *United States v. Palos-Marquez*, 591 F.3d 1272, 1274-77 (9th Cir. 2010); *United States v. Valdes-Vega*, 738 F.3d 1074, 1077, 1079-80 (9th Cir. 2013) (en banc).

2. The district judge did not abuse his discretion by denying Jones a sixth court-appointed attorney. Contrary to Jones’s assertion, the district judge did not categorically preclude Jones from substituting his fifth attorney because he had previously substituted four. Instead, the judge made a type of “general unreasonableness” finding, *see United States v. Mendez-Sanchez*, 563 F.3d 935, 944 (9th Cir. 2009), based on the fact that Jones’s “pattern [was] the same” with each of his four previous attorneys. To the extent that there was a “breakdown in communication” between Jones and his fifth attorney, it was Jones who refused to communicate, and he may not take advantage of this refusal to obtain a new attorney. *See United States v. Roston*, 986 F.2d 1287, 1292-93 (9th Cir. 1993).

3. Although “we have not yet clarified whether denial of a *Faretta* request is reviewed de novo or for abuse of discretion,” *United States v. Kaczynski*, 239 F.3d 1108, 1116 (9th Cir. 2001), the district judge did not err under either standard in denying Jones’s motion to represent himself, made on the morning of trial, after finding that his purpose was to delay proceedings. *Cf. United States v. Farias*, 618 F.3d 1049, 1052-53 (9th Cir. 2010). This was based on his pre-trial conduct—such as continually substituting attorneys and refusing to leave his holding cell on a

previous trial date—and the fact that he was asking for a continuance to prepare to proceed pro se at trial. *See Fritz v. Spalding*, 682 F.2d 782, 784 (9th Cir. 1982).

Similarly, the district judge properly denied Jones’s post-trial *Faretta* motion after a conference during which Jones was belligerent, disruptive, combative, and unresponsive to the questions the district judge asked in an attempt to make the appropriate *Faretta* inquiry. *See United States v. Lopez-Osuna*, 242 F.3d 1191, 1199 (9th Cir. 2001) (“[The defendant] must be able and willing to abide by rules of procedure and courtroom protocol.” (internal quotation marks and citation omitted)).

4. Lastly, the district judge did not abuse his discretion in denying Jones a minor role adjustment. The district judge considered the five non-exhaustive factors used to determine whether a defendant is entitled to a minor role reduction, *see* U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual § 3B1.2, cmt. n.3(C), and properly found that Jones did not carry his burden of demonstrating that these factors weighed in his favor. *See United States v. Cordova Barajas*, 360 F.3d 1037, 1042 (9th Cir. 2004).

**AFFIRMED.**

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v.

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Defendant.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

I N D I C T M E N T

Title 8, U.S.C.,  
Sec. 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) -  
Transportation of Certain Aliens

The grand jury charges:

Count 1

On or about June 11, 2016, within the Southern District of California; defendant WILLIE JONES JR., with the intent to violate the immigration laws of the United States, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien, namely, Jose Alberto Hernandez-Hernandez, had come to, entered and remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport and move said alien within the United States in furtherance of such violation of law; in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii).

Count 2

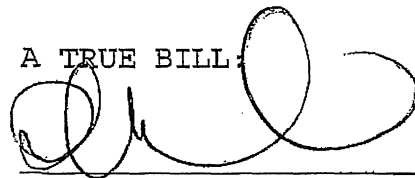
On or about June 11, 2016, within the Southern District of California, defendant WILLIE JONES JR., with the intent to violate the immigration laws of the United States, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien, namely, Jesus Rivera-Contreras, had come to, entered and remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport and move said alien within the United States in furtherance of such violation of law; in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii).

Count 3

On or about June 11, 2016, within the Southern District of California, defendant WILLIE JONES JR., with the intent to violate the immigration laws of the United States, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien, namely, Alberto Rivera-Contreras, had come to, entered and remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport and move said alien within the United States in furtherance of such violation of law; in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii).

DATED: June 23, 2016.

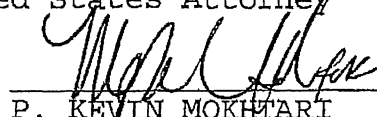
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3 City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of  
4 California, before me, Denise Vitzthum, Registered  
5 Professional Reporter, Certified Shorthand Reporter, in  
6 and for the State of California, personally appeared:

7                       JESUS RIVERA-CONTRERAS,  
8 called as a witness by the Plaintiff, who, being by me  
9 first duly sworn, was thereupon examined and testified  
10 in said cause:

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1 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016

2 9:53 A.M.

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09:53:08 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: August 1st, 2016. The time  
09:53:10 6 is 9:53 a.m.

09:53:16 7 MR. MOKHTARI: This is the videotaped  
09:53:17 8 deposition of material witness Jesus Rivera-Contreras in  
09:53:26 9 the case of the United States v. Willie Jones, Jr.,  
09:53:30 10 16cr1448-WQH.

09:53:39 11 Today is August 1st, 2016. This deposition is  
09:53:44 12 being held in a conference room in the United States  
09:53:46 13 Attorney's Office in San Diego, California.

09:53:51 14 Before we begin, I would like to introduce the  
09:53:54 15 parties. Ms. Court Reporter, could you please state the  
09:53:56 16 following on the record: your name, business address,  
09:53:59 17 date, time and the name of the witness.

09:54:26 18 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. My name is Denise  
09:54:26 19 Vitzthum. 501 West Broadway, Suite 1330, San Diego,  
09:54:26 20 California 92101. The time is 9:54 a.m. August 1st,  
09:54:26 21 2016. The name of the witness is Jesus  
09:54:26 22 Rivcra-Contreras.

09:54:26 23 MR. MOKHTARI: And the videotape is being  
09:54:28 24 operated by?

09:54:31 25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Border Patrol Agent Timothy

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10:59:00 1 A. Yes.

10:59:00 2 Q. Okay. And there was an agent who was  
10:59:05 3 questioning you?

10:59:08 4 A. Yes.

10:59:08 5 Q. I mean 7:30 p.m., does that sound like the  
10:59:17 6 right time?

10:59:18 7 MR. MOKHTARI: Objection. Calls for  
10:59:18 8 speculation. Objection. Calls for speculation. Lacks  
10:59:24 9 foundation.

10:59:27 10 THE WITNESS: Could have been, but they did  
10:59:33 11 tell me that hour, but I don't remember.

10:59:36 12 BY MR. PACTOR:

10:59:37 13 Q. Okay. I mean, but were you at the border  
10:59:39 14 patrol station for some amount of time for several hours  
10:59:43 15 before they interviewed you?

10:59:55 16 A. Yes, that same day.

10:59:58 17 Q. Okay. Now, when they interviewed you, they  
11:00:03 18 showed you -- do you remember seeing a photographic  
11:00:07 19 lineup of six people?

11:00:10 20 A. Yes.

11:00:11 21 Q. And they asked you if you could identify the  
11:00:14 22 driver?

11:00:16 23 A. Yes.

11:00:17 24 Q. And you couldn't?

11:00:19 25 A. No.

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11:25:46 1 back that your attorney drafted.

11:25:48 2 (Brief discussion held between the witness and  
11:25:48 3 his counsel out of the hearing of the  
11:25:48 4 reporter.)

11:27:18 5 MR. MOKHTARI: Okay. Can the court reporter  
11:27:19 6 please declare the time and the video operator announce  
11:27:29 7 the time and date on the video.

11:27:35 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: August 1st, 2016. The time  
11:27:35 9 is 11:27 a.m.

11:27:36 10 THE COURT REPORTER: And the deposition is  
11:27:36 11 completed.

11:27:42 12 MR. MOKHTARI: Thank you.

11:27:42 13 (The deposition was concluded at 11:27 a.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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  X   Reading and signing was waived.

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of August, 2016.

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12:37:45 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12:37:47 2 BY MR. PACTOR:

12:37:50 3 Q. Do you recognize the man sitting next to me?

12:37:56 4 A. (No audible response.)

12:37:57 5 Q. Have you ever seen him before?

12:37:59 6 A. I don't remember.

12:37:59 7 Q. Okay. Do you recognize him as the person who

12:38:02 8 picked up you in the vehicle? Yes or no?

12:38:08 9 A. No, because I didn't see him.

12:38:10 10 Q. And the vehicle pictured in Exhibit 3, do you

12:38:17 11 know for sure if that was the vehicle that picked up?

12:38:22 12 Yes or no? Is that the car?

12:38:27 13 A. Not for sure.

12:38:29 14 MR. JONES: Is that the car?

12:38:31 15 BY MR. PACTOR:

12:38:31 16 Q. Is that the car? Yes or no?

12:38:34 17 A. I don't know. I don't recall very well.

12:38:38 18 MR. JONES: Yes or no.

12:38:39 19 BY MR. PACTOR:

12:38:39 20 Q. Yes or no, please.

12:38:42 21 A. I cannot answer that because I'm not sure.

12:38:46 22 Q. Did you see that vehicle when you were in

12:38:49 23 Tecate?

12:38:52 24 A. No.

12:38:52 25 Q. Did anybody ever tell you or did you have any

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12:59:06 1 THE WITNESS: That's fine.

12:59:07 2 MR. MOKHTARI: Okay. I now ask the court  
12:59:09 3 reporter to state the deposition is completed and ask  
12:59:11 4 the video operator to announce the time and date.

12:59:14 5 THE COURT REPORTER: The deposition is  
12:59:14 6 concluded.

12:59:20 7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: August 1st, 2016. The time  
12:59:22 8 is 12:59 p.m.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 16cr1448-WQH

WILLIE JONES, JR.,

Defendant.

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JOSE ALBERTO  
HERNANDEZ-HERNANDEZ  
Taken at San Diego, California  
August 1, 2016

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1           On Monday, August 1, 2016, commencing at the hour  
2 of 1:22 p.m., at 880 Front Street, Fifth Floor, in the  
3 City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of  
4 California, before me, Denise Vitzthum, Registered  
5 Professional Reporter, Certified Shorthand Reporter, in  
6 and for the State of California, personally appeared:

7           JOSE ALBERTO HERNANDEZ-HERNANDEZ,  
8 called as a witness by the Plaintiff, who, being by me  
9 first duly sworn, was thereupon examined and testified  
10 in said cause:

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12                   A P P E A R A N C E S:

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02:07:17 1 A. Well, yes, but since he told us "Don't move  
02:07:24 2 because the dog could bite you, we didn't do anything.  
02:07:30 3 Since he was on the fence side inside and he crossed the  
02:07:40 4 fence from there to where we were, and he -- then we  
02:07:45 5 didn't do anything.

02:07:46 6 Q. Okay. But did you see him ask the other two  
02:07:50 7 individuals as to their citizenship as well?

02:07:56 8 A. Well, really I didn't notice, but I did see him  
02:08:02 9 ask them for their IDs.

02:08:07 10 Q. But you couldn't hear what was going on?

02:08:11 11 A. I didn't pay that much attention.

02:08:14 12 Q. And then were you taken then to the checkpoint?

02:08:18 13 A. Yes. That's right, yes.

02:08:24 14 Q. Now, you were shown a six-pack of pictures,  
02:08:27 15 right?

02:08:33 16 A. About what?

02:08:35 17 Q. To try identify the driver.

02:08:39 18 A. Oh, yes.

02:08:40 19 Q. But you couldn't identify the driver?

02:08:44 20 A. No, because some of the photos were very  
02:08:50 21 similar.

02:08:51 22 Q. But you remember that he was black?

02:08:56 23 A. Yes.

02:08:57 24 Q. Dark-skinned?

02:08:58 25 A. Yes. Yes. Yes.



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02:20:05 1 MR. MOKHTARI: It's not a trick or anything.

02:20:06 2 Your attorney can probably explain it to you.

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I, David A. Schlesinger, declare that on October 8, 2019, as required by Supreme Court Rule 29, I served Petitioner Willie Jones, Jr.'s MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* and PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI on counsel for Respondent by depositing an envelope containing the motion and the petition in the United States mail (Priority, first-class), properly addressed to him, and with first-class postage prepaid.

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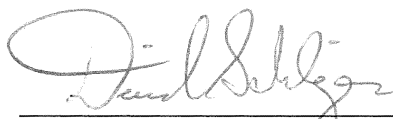
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Solicitor General of the United States  
United States Department of Justice  
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Hawthorne, California 90250

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 8, 2019

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David A. Schlesinger", written in dark ink.

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