

FILED: January 26, 2015

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 15-4019  
(3:14-cr-00012-JRS-1)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

ROBERT F. MCDONNELL

Defendant - Appellant

and

ANTHONY FRANCIS TROY; MARY SUE TERRY; STEPHEN DOUGLAS  
ROSENTHAL; ANDREW P. MILLER; J. MARSHALL COLEMAN; MARK L.  
EARLEY; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS;  
NANCY GERTNER, Law Professor; CHARLES J. OGLETREE, JR., Law  
Professor;

Amici Supporting Appellant

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ORDER

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Upon consideration of the submissions relative to appellant's motion for  
release pending appeal pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(b), the court finds, by clear

and convincing evidence, that appellant is not likely to flee or pose a danger to the safety of any other person or the community if released. The court further finds that the appeal is not for the purpose of delay and raises a substantial question of law or fact that, “if decided in favor of the accused” is “important enough” to warrant reversal or a new trial. United States v. Steinhorn, 927 F.2d 195, 196 (4th Cir. 1991) (per curiam).

The court grants appellant's motion and releases appellant on his own recognizance pending appeal, subject to the same conditions imposed by the district court for release pending trial.

The court will hear this case on the following expedited schedule:

Opening Brief and Joint Appendix: Due March 2, 2015

Response Brief: Due March 26, 2015

Reply Brief, if any: Due April 8, 2015

Oral Argument will be held on May 12, 2015, in Richmond, Virginia, and is not subject to continuance.

For the Court

/s/ Patricia S. Connor, Clerk