

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Criminal Division—Misdemeanor Branch

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	Case No. 2026 CMD 003808
v.	:	
	:	Hon. Robert Richter
BRYAN BETANCUR,	:	
	:	Status: April 8, 2026
Defendant.	:	

GOVERNMENT’S MOTION TO REVOKE
PURSUANT TO D.C. CODE § 23-1329

On March 13, 2026, the defendant, Bryan Betancur AKA Bryan Battisti, was charged with one count of Simple Assault in violation of D.C. Code section 22-404(a) for an assault that occurred on February 28, 2026. The defendant has also been charged in the State of Virginia in case GC26001228-00 for assault and battery for conduct from March 2, 2026. The defendant was presented in courtroom C-10 before Judge Renee Raymond and was released pending his initial status hearing on April 8, 2026. The defendant was ordered to obey all laws, stay away from all Metro (WMATA) Trains, report to his pre-trial services caseworker weekly, and be evaluated for substance use, including alcohol, and report weekly if positive as part of his conditions of release. Since his release on March 13, 2026, in this case, the Defendant has taken actions on multiple occurrences to contact, harass, and stalk A.M. causing them to feel alarmed and disturbed, a violation of D.C Code section 22-3133 (Stalking). A warrant for the Defendant’s arrest was issued on April 7, 2026, pursuant to D.C. Code § 23-1329(b)(1)(a)(i), the defendant’s current conditions of release should be revoked. Consequently, the government now moves the Court to revoke the defendant’s conditions of release. In support of this request, the government provides the following factual information and legal argument.

BACKGROUND

On February 28, 2026, the Defendant assaulted G.C. by touching G.C.'s hair without permission while on a WMATA train. The Defendant livestreamed himself committing the offense on social media. The Defendant was arrested on a similar offense in Arlington County, VA on March 5, 2026. On March 13, 2026, the Defendant was Charged in this case with Simple Assault in violation of D.C. Code Section 22-404. At his arraignment, the Defendant was released on electronic monitoring by Judge Renee Raymond with additional release conditions. Judge Raymond indicated that based on the facts and circumstances of the case, she would have held the Defendant but the facts and circumstances of this case by themselves do not give the court a legal basis to detain the Defendant pending trial.

On April 7, 2026, a warrant for the Defendant's arrest was issued for violating D.C. Code section 22-3133 (Stalking). The conduct giving grounds for the arrest occurred over an extended period of time, including several instances after the Defendant's release in this case. The victim is familiar with the Defendant. Throughout 2024 and 2025, the Defendant has continuously messaged A.M. on Twitter/X and Telegram about topics including mental health issues, A.M.'s feet (which the Defendant took pictures of and posted without A.M.'s permission), and the content of some of the messages was sexually explicit. On March 20, 2026, A.M. was at an event at 21st and K Street, NW in Washington, DC when the Defendant performed a Nazi/Hitler salute to A.M. and attempted to have staff remove A.M. by claiming A.M. was "Antifa." Later that day when A.M. left the event, the Defendant continued to follow A.M. while yelling at A.M. calling A.M. a "Jewish Bitch." On March 31, 2026, the Defendant livestreamed himself walking around the grounds of the Supreme Court saying, "where is [A.M.'s name]?"

ARGUMENT

The Government asks the Court to revoke the Defendant's release conditions in this case based on the Defendant's pending rearrest, under D.C. Code § 23-1329 for violating his conditions of release. A warrant for the Defendant's arrest was issued by Judge Cushenberry on April 7, 2026, which establishes probable cause that the Defendant committed state crimes while on release. *See* D.C. Code § 23-1329(b)(1)(A)(i). Under D.C. Code 23-1329(b)(2), "If there is probable cause to believe that while on release, the person committed a dangerous or violent crime, as defined by 23-1331, or a substantially similar offense under the laws of any other jurisdiction, a rebuttable presumption arises that no condition or combination of conditions while assure the safety of any other person or the community." In light of the defendant's blatant disregard for his pretrial release conditions, and based on the factors in 1329 and the 1322(e), addressed below, the Defendant should be revoked and held pending trial. *See* D.C. Code § 23-1329(b)(1)(A)(i).

I. Nature and Circumstances of the Offense Charged

The Defendant's actions concern a consistent and continuous pattern of behavior rather than a single event or lapse in judgment. The Defendant through his conduct in both this case and the new stalking case has violated the privacy and dignity of the Victims. Based on the evidence presented in the arrest warrant, the Defendant continues to target and harass women such as A.M., both in person and through social media. Some of this egregious behavior included yelling racial slurs towards A.M. In both cases, the Defendant has utilized social media to embarrass and torment each victim, causing them each to feel alarmed, disturbed, and fearful for their safety. The nature and circumstances of this disturbing behavior weigh in favor of detention.

II. The Weight of the Evidence Against the Defendant

A warrant for the Defendant's arrest has been issued in both this case and the new stalking

case. Again, in both cases, evidence includes social media messages from the Defendant or videos of the Defendant committing illegal acts that target female victims. Based on the recorded evidence, the strength of the evidence thus weighs in favor of detention.

III. The Defendant's History and Characteristics

At the time the defendant committed the new offense, he was on pre-trial release for this assault case. The Defendant has consistently demonstrated behavior showing his disregard for the public, court orders, and the judicial system. In a video of the incident where the Defendant followed A.M. on March 20, 2026, the Defendant dismissively exclaims that he is "facing six months", indicating that he is not concerned about the consequences of his open case. Additionally, one condition of the Defendant's release in his pending case in Arlington, VA is to not use any social media. The Defendant not only exhibited his disregard for court orders by continuing to use social media, but he also used social media to commit an additional crime. The Defendant also has several prior convictions in Washington, DC and Maryland, including 4th Degree Burglary in Maryland and two Contempt/FTA convictions from May of 2025, in the District of Columbia. Based on the new arrest warrant, the Defendant's criminal history, and the fact that the Defendant is pending trial in multiple jurisdictions for targeting women and assaulting them, the Court should detain the Defendant pending trial.

IV. The Nature and Seriousness of the Danger to Any Person or the Community

The Defendant poses a threat to the community as a whole based on his continued harassing and escalating conduct. Moreover, he specifically poses a significant danger to A.M. as he has continued to harass her and shown disregard for both the court system and the law. Given his egregious conduct, detention is necessary to ensure that his behavior does not escalate, specifically as it is directed to A.M.

