

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-vs-

Case No. 8:19-cr-605-WFJ-CPT

MICHAEL J. DACORTA

**CLERK'S MINUTES**

Proceeding: Status Conference  
*Zoom videoconference*

Judge: Christopher P. Tuite, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Deputy Clerk: Ashley Sanders  
USPO: none  
Court Reporter:  
Interpreter:

Date: May 27, 2021  
Time: 9:32 AM  
Recess: 9:45 AM  
Total Time: 13 min

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Counsel for USA: David Chee, AUSA  
Counsel for Defendant: Jessica Casciola, AFPD

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Court calls case and counsel enters appearance.

Defendants appearance not required under Rule 43. Attorney Casciola waives Defendants presence.

Attorney Casciola estimates at least a half a day for the hearing.  
Government will call 3-4 witnesses. IRS Agent Shawn Batch, FBI Rick Volp, receiver in the civil matter, former CFTC employee.  
Defense will call an additional 2-3 witnesses. Defendants daughter and wife. Discussion to be held whether the defendant will testify.

Court schedules Evidentiary hearing for June 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Defense seeks to suppress statements made by the defendant at his home.

Parties do not have a set of stipulated facts at this time.

Government to notify Attorney Casciola is they do not intend to call Agent Batch of Agent Volp so that she may issue subpoenas.

Attorney Casciola requests anything created from the CFTC interview that took place. Attorney Chee agrees to disclose. No objection by government to provide and Jencks material 3 days prior to the hearing (June 11).

Recess.