

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Criminal Action No. 19-CR-00421-PAB

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MATTHEW ALLEN MARTIN,

Defendant.

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT  
Sentencing

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Proceedings before the HONORABLE PHILIP A. BRIMMER,  
Judge, United States District Court for the District of  
Colorado, commencing at 9:00 a.m., on the 4th day of November,  
2022, in Courtroom A701, United States Courthouse, Denver,  
Colorado.

APPEARANCES

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1 contained therein as to our position that a guideline sentence  
2 is the appropriate sentence in this case. No upward variant  
3 sentence is necessary or appropriate in this case. Mr. Martin  
4 respectfully requests that the Court sentence him within the  
5 guideline range.

6 *THE COURT:* Thank you, Ms. Gedde.

7 Ms. Rangel?

8 *MS. RANGEL:* Thank you, Your Honor.

9 As you are aware, the Bush family is present. Would  
10 the Court hear a statement from them?

11 *THE COURT:* No, actually I am not. I thought that  
12 maybe there would be a request. And I don't mean to be  
13 unsympathetic to the Bush family. In fact, I am highly  
14 sympathetic to them. Obviously, when you have a situation  
15 where your daughter has this very tragic death and you don't  
16 know exactly what happened, it is wrenching for them I am  
17 certain. However, the upshot of my ruling that the government  
18 had not sustained its burden to demonstrate the murder  
19 enhancement came with it a factual finding by the Court.

20 And, in fact, I do agree with Mr. Priest's report. I  
21 think that the forensic evidence most appropriately indicates  
22 that this was a suicide. As a result, the Bush family is  
23 technically not a victim in this case. And for that reason I  
24 don't believe that there is a statutory right for them to  
25 address the Court. But if there is some information that, you