

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
U.S. District Court, Western District of New York (Buffalo)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:25-mj-01421-MJK-1

Case title: USA v. Wenke

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Assigned to: Magistrate Judge Mitchell J.
Katz

Defendant (1)

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Pending Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

None

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints**Disposition**

18:2261.F-Interstate domestic violence

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/02/2026	15	TEXT ORDER: Granting the # 14 Motion to Adjourn status conference as to Luke Marshal Wenke (1). The follow-up video attorney-only Status Conference set for March 3rd, 2026 is hereby ADJOURNED to Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 at 3:00 PM. The parties are directed to connect to the conference using the link that has been provided to the parties by separate email. The motion to toll speedy trial time is granted on consent and TIME IS EXCLUDED UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) UNTIL 4/1/2026. Defendant remains in custody. SO ORDERED by U.S. Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz on 3/2/2026. (kck) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
02/27/2026	14	First MOTION to Adjourn status conference by Luke Marshal Wenke. (Bahl, Victoria) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
01/30/2026		TEXT Minute Entry for Status Conference held on 1/30/2026 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz as to Luke Marshal Wenke: The parties provide an update on the case and make a joint motion to toll speedy trial time through and including March 3rd, 2026. The motion is granted and TIME IS EXCLUDED UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) UNTIL 3/3/2026 FOR THE REASONS STATED ON THE RECORD. A follow-up video attorney-only Status Conference is set for March 3rd, 2026 at 3:00 pm. The parties are directed to connect to the conference using the link that has been provided to the parties by separate email. Defendant remains in custody. (Court Reporter: Hannah Cavanaugh. Time: 3:00 PM - 3:07 PM) (kck) (Entered: 01/30/2026)

01/15/2026	13	TEXT ORDER: Considering that no position has been taken as to the venue for the Status Conference set for 1/30/2026 at 3:00 PM, the conference will proceed by Teams Video-Conference. The defendant's appearance will not be required. Should circumstances change prior to 1/30/2026, the parties are to notify the Court in writing as soon as possible and the Court will make alternate arrangements. SO ORDERED by U.S. Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz on 1/15/2026. (kck) (Entered: 01/15/2026)
01/15/2026	12	ARREST Warrant Returned Executed on 12/17/2025 in case as to Luke Marshal Wenke. (JLV) (Entered: 01/15/2026)
12/22/2025		TEXT NOTICE OF HEARING as to Luke Marshal Wenke: A Video Status Conference is set for 1/30/2026 at 3:00 PM before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz. The parties are directed to connect to the conference using the link that has been provided to the parties by separate email. The parties are further instructed that they are to notify the Court in writing on or before January 14th, 2026 if they wish to proceed with the conference in person or if they are happy to proceed by video. Additionally, the parties should note whether they wish for Defendant Wenke to be present for the conference. (kck) (Entered: 12/22/2025)
12/22/2025	11	ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL as to Luke Marshal Wenke. Signed by U.S. Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz on 12/22/2025. (kck) (Entered: 12/22/2025)
12/22/2025	10	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE: Victoria W Bahl appearing for Luke Marshal Wenke (Bahl, Victoria) (Entered: 12/22/2025)
12/22/2025	9	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz:Detention Hearing as to Luke Marshal Wenke held on 12/22/2025. Appearances: Sean C. Eldridge, AUSA; Victoria W. Bahl, AFD w/ Defendant; Kristen Nenni, USPO. Government proceeds by proffer. Defense provides rebuttal. The Court provides inquiry to the parties. After consideration of the arguments presented, the Court grants the Government's motion for pretrial detention on the basis of risk of danger to the community. Defendant is ordered detained pending trial. Defendant requests to reserve his right to a Preliminary Hearing at this time, further requests the Court permit approximately 30 days for counsel to exchange voluntary discovery and begin pretrial resolution discussions. The request is granted, <u>a Status Conference will be held on 1/30/2026 before Hon. Mitchell J. Katz. Counsel is directed to contact the Court concerning how they wish to proceed with this appearance.</u> TIME IS EXCLUDED UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) UNTIL 1/30/2026 FOR THE REASONS STATED ON THE RECORD. Defendant remains in custody. (Court Reporter FTR Gold.)(JB) (Entered: 12/22/2025)
12/19/2025	8	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Sean C. Eldridge appearing for USA. (Eldridge, Sean) (Entered: 12/19/2025)
12/18/2025	7	DESIGNATION of the Honorable Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz for Service within the Western District of New York. Case as to Luke Marshal Wenke reassigned to Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz. Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy no longer assigned to the case. (LB) (Entered: 12/18/2025)
12/18/2025	6	TEXT ORDER as to Luke Marshal Wenke: I hereby recuse myself from further proceedings in this case. SO ORDERED. Issued by Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy on 12/18/2025. (JLV) Clerk to Follow up (Entered: 12/18/2025)
12/17/2025	5	ORDER re Due Process Protections Act admonition re the government's Brady obligations. Signed by Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy on 12/17/2025. (JLV) (Entered: 12/17/2025)
12/17/2025	4	CJA 23 Financial Affidavit by Luke Marshal Wenke. (JLV) (Entered: 12/17/2025)

12/17/2025	3	<p>Minute Entry for proceedings held before Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy: Initial appearance as to Luke Marshal Wenke held on 12/17/2025. Complaint is unsealed. Defendant acknowledges receipt of Criminal Complaint. Government summarizes charges and potential penalties. Defendant advised of his rights including right to counsel. Defendant requests court appointed attorney. Defendant sworn, examined and determined provisionally eligible. AFPD John Morrissey accepts appointment.</p> <p>Defendant advised of his right to a preliminary hearing. Court allows defendant to hold in abeyance his determination to exercise this right pending the detention hearing. Government moves for detention. A detention hearing is set for 12/22/2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the US Courthouse, 100 State Street, Rochester NY 14614 before Magistrate Judge Mitchell J. Katz. The parties confirm that time is excluded from the STA calendar through 12/22/2025. The court delivers the DPPA statement and the government confirms it understands its Brady obligations and will fulfill them. Order to follow. Defendant remanded. APPEARANCES: AUSA Franz Wright; AFPD John Morrissey with defendant; USPO Andre McCray. (FTR Gold) (JLV) (Entered: 12/17/2025)</p>
12/17/2025		<p>SCHEDULING NOTICE as to Luke Marshal Wenke: An initial appearance is set for 12/17/2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the Genesee Courtroom, 6th Floor West, 2 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY before Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy. (JLV) (Entered: 12/17/2025)</p>
12/16/2025	<u>2</u>	<p>ORDER as to Luke Marshal Wenke. Signed by Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy on 12/16/2025. (JLV) (Entered: 12/17/2025)</p>
12/16/2025	<u>1</u>	<p>COMPLAINT as to Luke Marshal Wenke (1). (JLV) (Entered: 12/17/2025)</p>

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