

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Western Division - Los Angeles)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cr-00345-JFW All Defendants**

Case title: USA v. Balian
Magistrate judge case number: 2:18-mj-01199-DUTY

Date Filed: 06/05/2018

Assigned to: Judge John F. Walter

Defendant (1)

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Pending Counts

18:666(a)(1)(B): Bribery of Programs
Receiving Federal Funds

(1)

18:1512(c)(2): Obstruction of Justice

(2)

18:1001(a)(2): Making False Statements

Disposition

(3)

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition**Highest Offense Level (Terminated)**

None

Complaints

Defendant in violation of 18:1001(a)(2)

Disposition**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/14/2018	1	COMPLAINT filed as to Defendant John Saro Balian in violation of 18:1001(a)(2). Approved by Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg as to John Saro Balian (1). (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/16/2018)
05/14/2018	3	EX PARTE APPLICATION to Seal Case Filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian. (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/16/2018)
05/14/2018	4	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg granting 3 EX PARTE APPLICATION to Seal Case as to John Saro Balian (1) (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/16/2018)
05/14/2018	5	NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR DETENTION filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/16/2018)
05/16/2018	6	REPORT COMMENCING CRIMINAL ACTION as to Defendant John Saro Balian; defendant's Year of Birth: 1972; date of arrest: 5/15/2018 (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/16/2018	7	MINUTES OF INITIAL APPEARANCE ON LOCAL COMPLAINT held before Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg as to Defendant John Saro Balian. Defendant arraigned and advised of the charges. Attorney: Marc Steven Nurik for John Saro Balian, Retained, present. Court orders defendant permanently detained. Defendant remanded to

		the custody of the U.S. Marshal. Preliminary Hearing set for 5/30/2018 04:30 PM before Duty Magistrate Judge. Post-Indictment Arraignment set for 6/5/2018 11:00 AM before Duty Magistrate Judge. Court Smart: CS 5/16/18. (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/16/2018	8	DESIGNATION AND APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL; filed by Marc Steven Nurik appearing for John Saro Balian (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/16/2018	9	ADVISEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHTS (INITIAL APPEARANCE) filed by Defendant John Saro Balian (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/16/2018	10	ORDER OF DETENTION by Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg as to Defendant John Saro Balian (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/16/2018	11	NOTICE DIRECTING DEFENDANT TO APPEAR for Preliminary Hearing and Arraignment on Indictment/Information. Defendant John Saro Balian is directed to appear for Preliminary Hearing on 5/30/18 at 4:30 PM and for Post Indictment Arraignment on 6/5/18 at 11:00 AM before the Duty Magistrate Judge. (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/24/2018	12	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE of attorney Edgar Sargsyan, (Retained), appearing on behalf of Defendant John Saro Balian, filed by Defendant John Saro Balian. (Sargsyan, Edgar) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/24/2018	13	WAIVER of Preliminary Examination or Hearing by Defendant John Saro Balian (Mitchell, Jeff) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/31/2018	14	STIPULATION to Continue Filing of Information or Indictment from 6/14/18 to 6/28/18 filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian(Attorney Jeff P Mitchell added to party USA(pty:pla))(Mitchell, Jeff) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/31/2018)
05/31/2018	15	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: Stipulation to Continue 14 . The following error(s) was/were found: Other error(s) with document(s): a proposed order was not attached to the stipulation. In response to this notice, the Court may: (1) order an amended or correct document to be filed; (2) order the document stricken; or (3) take other action as the Court deems appropriate. You need not take any action in response to this notice unless and until the Court directs you to do so. (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 05/31/2018)
06/01/2018	16	STIPULATION to Continue Filing of Information or Indictment from 6/14/18 to 6/28/18 filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Mitchell, Jeff) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/01/2018	17	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Michael R. Wilner as to Defendant John Saro Balian, CONTINUING DATE BY WHICH AN INFORMATION OR INDICTMENT MUST BE FILED AND FINDINGS REGARDING EXCLUDABLE TIME PERIODS PURSUANT TO SPEEDY TRIAL ACT 16 . (ja) [2:18-mj-01199-DUTY] (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/05/2018	18	INFORMATION filed as to John Saro Balian (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3. (dg) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/05/2018	19	CASE SUMMARY filed by AUSA Jeff Mitchell as to Defendant John Saro Balian; defendants Year of Birth: 1972 (dg) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/05/2018	20	MEMORANDUM filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian. This criminal action, being filed on 6/5/18, was not pending in the U. S. Attorneys Office before the date on which Judge Andre Birotte Jr and Michael Fitzgerald began receiving criminal matters. (dg) (Entered: 06/06/2018)

06/05/2018	21	MEMORANDUM filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian Re Magistrate Judges Jacqueline Chooljian, Patrick J. Walsh, Sheri Pym, Michael Wilner, Jean Rosenbluth, Alka Sagar, Douglas McCormick, Rozella Oliver, Gail Standish, Steve Kim, John Early and Shashi H. Kewalramani. (dg) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/28/2018	22	WAIVER OF INDICTMENT filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian (Mitchell, Jeff) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/28/2018	23	AMENDED DOCUMENT filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian <i>Waiver of Indictment</i> (Mitchell, Jeff) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/28/2018	24	ADVISEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHTS (INITIAL APPEARANCE) filed by Defendant John Saro Balian (tba) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/28/2018	25	WAIVER OF INDICTMENT by Defendant John Saro Balian before Magistrate Judge Charles F. Eick (tba) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/28/2018	26	MINUTES OF POST-INDICTMENT ARRAIGNMENT: held before Magistrate Judge Charles F. Eick as to Defendant John Saro Balian (1) Count 1,2,3. Defendant arraigned, states true name: As charged. Defendant entered not guilty plea to all counts as charged. Attorney: Marc Steven Nurik, Retained present. Case assigned to Judge John F. Walter. Plea and Trial Setting Hearing set for 6/29/2018 08:30 AM before Judge John F. Walter. Court Smart: CS 06/28/2018. (tba) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/29/2018	27	REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL Filed by Defendant John Saro Balian. (iv) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018	28	MINUTES OF TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE; ORDER GRANTING SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY held before Judge John F. Walter as to Defendant John Saro Balian. Mr. Nurik's Request for Approval of Substitution of Attorney is approved. The Court signs the proposed Order approving the substitution of Craig Missakian as retained counsel for defendant John Saro Balian in place and stead of Marc Steven Nurik. For the reasons stated on the record, the Trial Setting Conference is continued to July 12, 2018 at 8:30. Court Reporter: Miranda Algorri. (iv) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018	29	ORDER ON REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEY 27 by Judge John F. Walter. The Court orders the request of John Saro Balian to substitute Craig Missakian as attorney of record instead of Marc S. Nurik is GRANTED. (iv) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/09/2018	30	NOTICE of Manual Filing of Documents Under Seal filed by Plaintiff USA as to Defendant John Saro Balian (Mitchell, Jeff) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/09/2018	31	APPLICATION FOR REVIEW/RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER SETTING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE/DETENTION Filed by Defendant John Saro Balian. Application set for hearing on 7/13/2018 at 01:30 PM before Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order Form CR-88A) (Missakian, Craig) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/11/2018	33	ORDER SEALING DOCUMENT by Judge John F. Walter as to Defendant John Saro Balian (mt) (Entered: 07/12/2018)
07/11/2018	35	SEALED DOCUMENT- GOVERNMENT'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER SEALING DOCUMENT; DECLARATION OF JEFF MITCHELL. (iv) (Entered: 07/12/2018)
07/12/2018	32	NOTIFICATION RE: APPLICATION FOR REVIEW/RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER SETTING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE/DETENTION 31 filed by Defendant John Saro Balian. The Request for hearing was APPROVED. Request set for hearing on 7/13/2018 at

		3:00 PM before Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg. (See Attachment for Further Details) (kl) (Entered: 07/12/2018)
07/12/2018	34	MINUTES OF Change of Plea Hearing held before Judge John F. Walter as to Defendant John Saro Balian. Defendant sworn. Court questions defendant regarding the plea. The Defendant John Saro Balian (1) pleads GUILTY to Count 1,2,3 of the Information. The plea is accepted. The Court ORDERS the preparation of a Pre-sentence Report.Court orders reporters transcript sealed until further order of this Court. Sentencing set for 9/24/2018 at 8:30 AM. Court Reporter: Sheri Kleeger. (iv) (Entered: 07/12/2018)
07/13/2018	37	MINUTES OF REVIEW / RECONSIDERATION OF BAIL / DETENTION ORDER - BOND HEARING held before Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg denying 31 APPLICATION for Review/Reconsideration of Order Setting Conditions of Release/Detention as to John Saro Balian (1). Court denies request for bail, defendant shall remain permanently detained as previously ordered. A portion of the hearing is held under seal. Court Smart: C/S 07/13/2018. (hr) (Entered: 07/13/2018)

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