

IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

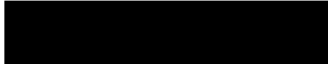

UNITED STATES,	)	NOTICE OF DIRECT APPEAL
<i>Appellee,</i>	)	PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
	)	66(b)(1)(A), UCMJ
v.)	
)	
)	
Airman (E-2),	)	No. ACM SXXXXXX
KHYRE J. VEASLEY,)	
United States Air Force,	)	28 August 2023
<i>Appellant.</i>)	

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:**

On 21 November 2022, a military judge sitting as a special court-martial convened at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, convicted Airman (Amn) Khyre J. Veasley, consistent with his pleas, of two specifications of assault consummated by a battery on divers occasions, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. § 928 (2019).¹ The military judge sentenced Amn Veasley to confinement for 30 days, reduction to the grade of E-1, and a reprimand. Record of Trial (ROT) Vol. 1, Entry of Judgment, dated 19 December 2022.

On 9 June 2023, the Government purportedly sent Amn Veasley the required notice by mail of his right to appeal within 90 days. Pursuant Article 66(b)(1)(A), UCMJ, Amn Veasley files his notice of direct appeal with this Court.

Respectfully submitted,


 MEGAN R. CROUCH, Maj, USAF
 Air Force Appellate Defense Division


¹ Appellant pled not guilty to one specification of abusive sexual contact, in violation of Article 120, UCMJ; the specification was withdrawn and dismissed with prejudice.

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Respectfully submitted,



MEGAN R. CROUCH, Maj, USAF
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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

UNITED STATES)	No. ACM _____
<i>Appellee</i>)	
)	
v.)	
	)	NOTICE OF
Khyre J. VEASLEY	)	DOCKETING
Airman (E-2))	
U.S. Air Force)	
<i>Appellant</i>)	

On 28 August 2023, this court received a notice of direct appeal from Appellant in the above-styled case, pursuant to Article 66(b)(1)(A), Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. § 866(b)(1)(A).

As of the date of this notice, the court has not yet received a record of trial in Appellant's case.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 4th day of October, 2023,


ORDERED:

The case in the above-styled matter is referred to Panel 1.

It is further ordered:

The Government will forward a copy of the record of trial to the court forthwith.



FOR THE COURT

TANICA S. BAGMON
Appellate Court Paralegal

IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES	)	MOTION TO ATTACH
<i>Appellee,</i>	)	AND SUSPEND RULE 18
)	
v.)	
	)	Before Panel 1
)	
Airman (E-2)	)	No. ACM _____
KHYRE J. VEASLEY)	
United States Air Force	)	5 October 2023
<i>Appellant.</i>)	

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:**

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(b) and 23.3(r) of this Honorable Court’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, Airman (Amn) Khyre J. Veasley (Appellant) hereby moves this Honorable Court to (1) attach the below document to the Record of Trial when the Record of Trial is received by this Court, and (2) suspend its rules in regards to the time for filing a Brief on Behalf of Appellant, JT. CT. CRIM. APP. R. 18, until such a time as the verbatim transcript is produced.

1. Government’s Email to JAT Central Docketing Workflow, dated 28 August 2023, 1 page (Appendix)

On 28 August 2023, Appellant filed a notice of direct appeal. When this case was docketed forty-two days later, on 4 October 2023, the Record of Trial had not been provided to the Court. In its order, the Court directed that a copy of the Record of Trial be forwarded to the Court forthwith. However, the order was silent as to any briefing schedule thereafter. Under JT. CT. CRIM. APP. R. 18, Appellant’s assignments of error are due sixty days from when the Record of Trial is “referred” to the Court, but the rule appears not to contemplate direct appeals where a notice of appeal might be filed prior to the Record of Trial reaching the Court.

To the extent that JT. CT. CRIM. APP. R. 18 and this Court’s order could be read to require briefing within sixty days of docketing, the attached email is relevant to the Appellant’s request

that this Honorable Court suspend its rules regarding the time for filing a Brief on Behalf of Appellant. The authenticity of the email should be apparent. The email shows a request from the Government to the Trial Judiciary (JAT) to produce a verbatim transcript in the case. Since the Government has already requested JAT prepare a verbatim transcript, it is unnecessary for Appellant to move this court to order its production. However, Appellant still respectfully requests this Honorable Court suspend Rule 18 until such a time as a verbatim transcript has been produced by the Government.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant this Motion to Attach and to Suspend Rule 18. In the alternative, Appellant respectfully requests this Honorable Court amend its 4 October 2023 to clarify the briefing schedule applicable to Appellant's case.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEGAN R. CROUCH, Maj, USAF
Appellate Defense Counsel
Air Force Appellate Defense Division

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Respectfully submitted,


MEGAN R. CROUCH, Maj, USAF
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Subject: Verbatim Transcript Request - US v. AMN KHYRE J. VEASLEY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:01:26 PM
Attachments: [Veasley - SXXXXX - Notice of Direct Appeal \(28 Aug 23\).pdf](#)

Good morning,

The government respectfully requests preparation of a verbatim transcript in the case of Amn Khyre J. Veasley, who has requested direct appeal at the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. (Notice of Appeal attached).

Please let us know if you require any more information, and please acknowledge receipt of this request.

Very Respectfully,

JESSICA LAWSON, SrA USAF
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Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762


IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES,	)	UNITED STATES' RESPONSE
<i>Appellee,</i>	)	TO APPELLANT'S MOTION
	)	TO ATTACH AND SUSPEND
v.	)	RULE 18
)	
Airman (E-2)	)	ACM _____
KHYRE J. VEASLEY, USAF,)	
<i>Appellant.</i>	)	Panel No. 1
)	

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:**

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States responds to Appellant's Motion to Attach and Suspend Rule 18. The United States does not believe that suspension of the rules is necessary at this juncture. Rule 18(d) of the Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals states, "*Time for Filing and Number of Briefs.* Any brief for an accused shall be filed within 60 days after appellate counsel has been notified that the Judge Advocate General has referred the record to the Court." The Judge Advocate General (TJAG) has not yet referred the record of trial (ROT) to this Court; therefore, Appellant's timeline for filing a brief has yet to begin. There is no rule to suspend.

Rule 3.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedures states: "The Docket. (a) The Clerk of the Court or designee shall maintain: (1) a regular case docket for cases referred to the Court by TJAG under Articles 66 and 69, UCMJ, and cases returned to the Court under Article 67(e), UCMJ." Although Appellant's case is eligible for Article 66 review, and he has requested Article 66 review, TJAG has not yet referred the completed ROT to the Court under Article 66. So this Court's own rules do not contemplate that a case be considered to be on the docket before TJAG has forwarded the ROT to this Court. As Appellant notes, a verbatim transcript is currently

being prepared. When the verbatim transcript is completed,¹ the entire, complete ROT will be forwarded to the Court.

The United States respectfully requests that this Court not set a particular due date for forwarding of the ROT. This Court does not set deadlines, require appellate filings, or otherwise monitor the production and forwarding of ROTs in automatic review cases. It should not do so for direct appeal cases either. According to Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 51-201, para. 1.6.2.5, “JAJM is responsible for ROTs for all DAF courts-martial.” Per DAF 51-201, paras. 1.8 and 1.7.4, court reporters “records, transcribes, and assembles records for Article 30a, pre-referral judicial proceedings, courts-martial, and other proceedings, as required, in accordance with the MCM, UCMJ, and DAFMAN 51-203,” and the “Court Reporter Manager” is “responsible for the centralized management and detailing of all court-reporting and transcription taskings.” The Trial Judiciary (JAT) also is “[r]esponsible for the centralized management of the court reporter program and serves as the single point of contact for all requests for transcription assistance and court reporter temporary duty support.” DAFI 51-201, para 1.7. In sum, the Air Force already has ample procedures in place for the production of ROTs for forwarding.

¹ Based on conversations between JAJA and JAJG, both parties agree that a verbatim transcript is necessary for meaningful and timely Article 66 review. JAJA needs to see a full transcript to be able to identify and raise issues, and JAJG will need to see a full transcript to be able to respond accordingly. Listening to the audio recording of the entire proceeding would be too time consuming for both sides. Also, providing JAJA with a “means to transform the recording into a text format through voice recognition software or similar means” as mentioned in R.C.M. 1116(b)(1)(A)(i) is not a viable solution at this point. No software that identifies the individual speakers on a recording is known to exist, so JAJA would still have to listen to much, if not all, of the audio recording, to know who is speaking. This would be incredibly time consuming for attorneys who have no training in transcription. JAJG would also have to use the same software and face the same hurdles in order to be able to respond to JAJA’s brief. Further, it would likely take over a year to get new software approved and to be functional, based on JAJG’s past experience of trying to purchase and use other software.

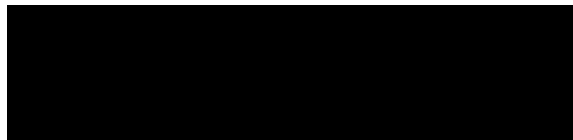
When this Court sets deadlines for the forwarding of ROTs or verbatim transcripts and requires updates from the government, it creates significant new burdens for JAJG, which must now monitor the production of ROTs, track more deadlines, communicate all deadlines to court reporters, track the court reporters' progress, coordinate regarding any sealed portions of the transcript, and continually file updates or motions for enlargements of time for the production of ROTs. Other than making filings with the Court, these are functions that have already been designated to JAJM and/or JAT and the court reporters by DAFI 51-201. Making things even more difficult, JAJG has no authority over JAT and the court reporters.

The increased workload of having to manage the production of ROTs for direct appeal cases is proving untenable for JAJG. In recent years, JAJG has lost a full-time appellate deputy and now has only 4 active duty counsel (and a remote reservist on a 365-MPA tour) to write briefs. All but one of these attorneys is new to JAJG as of this summer. Simultaneously, JAJG is dealing with an increased workload involving at least 8 upcoming CAAF cases, 2 AFCCA oral arguments, and an increased number of victim petitions under Article 6b. Also, JAJG's Chief and Director of Operations will both be required to travel extensively in October and November 2023 to brief bases regarding the rollout of the Office of Special Trial Counsel.

The United States believes that it is unnecessary for this Court to monitor direct appeal cases before the ROTs are forwarded to the Court. The government writ large understands the requirement to provide appellate defense counsel and this Court with a ROT and is working to comply as quickly as it can in all direct appeal cases. Should Appellant believe forwarding of the ROT has taken too long, he can file for relief for post-trial delay in his assignments of error brief. But the United States does not believe that this Court's involvement pre-forwarding will make the process work any faster. Instead, it will only generate more filing requirements for JAJG and JAJA.

It will take time away from other endeavors, such as writing, editing, and reviewing briefs and pleadings and will make it more difficult to provide timely and high-quality work product that is helpful to this Court. The most workable solution is for this Court to follow the letter of Rule 18, wait for TJAG to forward a completed ROT to the Court, and then, upon receipt of the ROT, start the clock for Appellant to file a brief.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court find that suspension of this Court's rules is not necessary until a ROT has been forwarded to the Court.

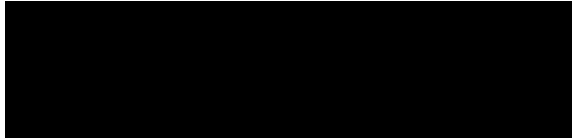


MARY ELLEN PAYNE
Associate Chief, Government Trial and
Appellate Operations Division
Military Justice and Discipline
United States Air Force



CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force Appellate Defense Division on 12 October 2023.



MARY ELLEN PAYNE
Associate Chief, Government Trial and
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United States Air Force



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

UNITED STATES	)	No. _____
<i>Appellee</i>)	
)	
v.)	
	)	ORDER
Khyre J. VEASLEY)	
Airman (E-2))	
U.S. Air Force)	
<i>Appellant</i>	)	Panel 1

On 4 October 2023, the court gave notice to Appellant and Appellee that the court was in receipt of a notice of direct appeal from Appellant pursuant to Article 66(b)(1)(A), Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. § 866(b)(1)(A), and that it had not yet received a record of trial in Appellant’s case. In the court’s notice it ordered the Government to “forward a copy of the record of trial to the court forthwith.”

On 5 October 2023, Appellant moved to attach an email to present to this court that the Government requested the Air Force Trial Judiciary produce a verbatim transcript in his case. Appellant further requested that this court suspend Rule 18 until such time a verbatim transcript has been produced by the Government.* See JT. CT. CRIM. APP. R. 18. On 12 October 2023, the Government responded, opposing the motion, and asking that this court find that suspension of this court’s rules is not necessary until a record of trial has been forwarded to the court.

In consideration of the foregoing, and the Government’s response, the court denies the Appellant’s Motion to Attach and Suspend Rule 18. Rule 18 states in relevant part, “Any brief for an accused shall be filed within 60 days after appellate counsel has been notified that [T]he Judge Advocate General has referred the record to the Court.” Here, Appellant does not assert that he has been notified that The Judge Advocate General has referred the record to the court. The court has also not yet received the record of trial. Once that notification has occurred and the time for filing a brief begins to run, if Appellant believes that additional time is needed, Appellant may then file for an enlargement of time or seek other appropriate relief as articulated in this

* Counsel are reminded that motions to suspend and motions to attach should be filed as separate motions, not a single motion pursuant to Rule 23.1 of this court’s rules.

court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and applicable law.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 20th day of October 2023,

ORDERED:

Appellant's Motion to Attach and Suspend Rule 18 is **DENIED**.



FOR THE COURT



CAROL K. JOYCE
Clerk of the Court

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

UNITED STATES	)	No. ACM _____
<i>Appellee</i>)	
)	
v.)	
	)	ORDER
Khyre J. VEASLEY)	
Airman (E-2))	
U.S. Air Force)	
<i>Appellant</i>	)	Panel 1

On 28 August 2023, Appellant filed a “Notice of Direct Appeal Pursuant to Article 66(b)(1)(A), UCMJ,” with this court. The above-styled case was docketed on 4 October 2023 and the court ordered the Government to “forward a copy of the record of trial to the court forthwith.” Over 120 days have elapsed and, to date, the record has not been provided to the court.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 5th day of February, 2024,

ORDERED:

Government appellate counsel will inform the court in writing not later than **29 February 2024** of the status of this case with regard to this court’s 4 October 2023 order.



FOR THE COURT

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FLEMING E. KEEFE, Capt, USAF
Deputy Clerk of the Court

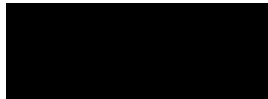
IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES,	)	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE
<i>Appellee,</i>)	
)	
v.	)	Before Panel No. 1
)	
Airman (E-2))	
KHYRE J. VEASLEY,	)	No. ACM 23009
United States Air Force,)	
<i>Appellant.</i>	)	20 April 2024

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:**

COMES NOW the undersigned counsel, pursuant to Rule 13 of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and enters an appearance as counsel for Appellant.

Respectfully submitted,



REBECCA J. SAATHOFF, Maj, USAF
Appellate Defense Counsel
Air Force Appellate Defense Division



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Appellate Defense Counsel
Air Force Appellate Defense Division

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IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES,)	MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
<i>Appellee,</i>	)	APPELLATE DEFENSE COUNSEL
)	
v.	)	Before Panel No. 1
)	
Airman (E-2)	)	No. ACM 23009
KHYRE J. VEASLEY)	
United States Air Force,	)	22 April 2024
<i>Appellant.</i>)	

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:**

Pursuant to Rules 12(b), 12.4, and 23.3(h) of this Honorable Court’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, undersigned counsel respectfully requests to withdraw as counsel in the above-captioned case. Maj Rebecca Saathoff has been detailed substitute counsel in undersigned counsel’s stead and made her notice of appearance on 20 April 2024. A thorough turnover of the record between counsel has been completed. Maj Crouch is expected to be out of the office on convalescent and parental leave for approximately five months beginning June 2024 and her continued representation of Amn Veasley would only delay his appellate review.

Appellant has been advised of this motion to withdraw as counsel and consents to undersigned counsel’s withdrawal. A copy of this motion will be delivered to Appellant following its filing.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

MEGAN R. CROUCH, Maj, USAF
Appellate Defense Counsel
Air Force Appellate Defense Division

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Respectfully submitted,

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MEGAN R. CROUCH, Maj, USAF
Appellate Defense Counsel
Air Force Appellate Defense Division

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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

UNITED STATES)	No. ACM 23009
<i>Appellee</i>)	
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Khyre J. VEASLEY)	
Airman (E-2))	
U.S. Air Force)	
<i>Appellant</i>)	Panel 1

On 22 May 2024, counsel for Appellant submitted a Motion for Enlargement of Time (First) requesting an additional 60 days to submit Appellant’s assignments of error. The Government opposes the motion.

In this motion, Appellant’s counsel accurately states that the court docketed the record of trial on 4 October 2023. She also states the verbatim transcript was received on 4 April 2024. We note Appellant’s counsel articulates that only 46 days have passed since the date of docketing, but in fact, more than 210 days have passed since docketing. Further, 317 days elapsed from date of sentencing to docketing.

The court has considered Appellant’s motion, the Government’s opposition, case law, and this court’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 29th day of May, 2024,

ORDERED:

Appellant’s Motion for Enlargement of Time (First) is **GRANTED**. Appellant shall file any assignments of error not later than **2 August 2024**.

Each request for an enlargement of time will be considered on its merits. Appellant’s counsel is advised that any subsequent motions for enlargement of time shall include, in addition to matters required under this court’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, statements as to: (1) whether Appellant was advised of Appellant’s right to a timely appeal, (2) whether Appellant was provided an update of the status of counsel’s progress on Appellant’s case, (3) whether

Appellant was advised of the request for an enlargement of time, and (4) whether Appellant agrees with the request for an enlargement of time.



FOR THE COURT

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OLGA STANFORD, Capt, USAF
Commissioner

IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES,	)	MOTION TO WITHDRAW FROM
<i>Appellee,</i>	)	APPELLATE REVIEW AND ATTACH
)	
v.	)	Before Panel No. 1
)	
Airman (E-2))	
KHYRE J. VEASLEY,	)	No. ACM 23009
United States Air Force,)	
<i>Appellant.</i>	)	22 June 2024



**TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:**

Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals and Rule for Courts-Martial (R.C.M.) 1115, Appellant moves to withdraw his case from appellate review. Appellant has fully consulted with Major Rebecca Saathoff, his appellate defense counsel, regarding this motion to withdraw. No person has compelled, coerced, or induced Appellant by force, promises of clemency, or otherwise, to withdraw his case from appellate review.

Further, pursuant to Rules 23(b) and 23.3(b), undersigned counsel asks this Court to attach the two-page document appended to this pleading to the record of this proceeding. The appended document, Appellant's completed DD Form 2330, *Waiver/Withdrawal of Appellate Rights in General and Special Courts-Martial Subject to Review by a Court of Criminal Appeals*, is necessary to comply with R.C.M. 1115(d) and Rule 16.1 of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure.


WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant this motion to withdraw from appellate review and attach matters to the record.

Respectfully submitted,


REBECCA J. SAATHOFF, Maj, USAF
Appellate Defense Counsel
Air Force Appellate Defense Division


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