

File No. CR25-01-40666
Appeal No. _____

IN THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH FOR MANITOBA
JUDICIAL CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

BETWEEN

HIS MAJESTY THE KING

and

CHAD KABECZ AND IRENE LIMA

Accused

PROCEEDINGS
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1 Proceedings taken in the Court of King's Bench, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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4 November 14, 2025

Morning Session

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The Court of King's Bench

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17 **Discussion**

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19 THE COURT CLERK:

Court is now open. Please be seated.

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21 MR. MCGILL:

Good morning, My Lord. It is Boyd

22 McGill and with my colleague Shaun Sass. He/him for both of us. We are counsel

23 for the Crown. This is the case of The King and Chad Kabecz and the King and

24 Irene Lima.

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26 THE COURT:

Yes. Good morning.

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28 MR. COOK:

Hello, good morning. Mike Cook

29 appearing. My pronouns and title are he/him/Mr. I represent Irene Lima who is

30 directly behind me. Her pronouns and title are she/her/Ms. So, we're here. Good

31 morning. The -- the plan is to enter pleas and ask that your order a pre-sentence

32 report.

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34 THE COURT:

Okay. Thank you.

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36 MR. COOK:

Thank you.

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38 MR. POLLOCK:

Hello, good morning to you. It's Ethan

39 Pollock from the monitor with Jeremy Horbul representing Mr. Chad Kabecz seated

40 behind me. Again, good morning to everybody. The intention is to enter pleas and

41 order a pre-sentence report. We're in line with Mr. Cook.

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2 THE COURT: Okay. Very good. Thank you. Madam
3 Clerk.

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5 MR. MCGILL: So, just so the court knows what to expect.
6 The Indictment has a number of counts. We are seeking pleas to six of those counts.
7 Those would be counts 1 through 6. Each of those is a count of animal cruelty. And
8 upon those pleas being accepted by the Court, the Crown will direct a stay of
9 proceedings on the remaining matters.

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11 I did want to make some comments just in terms of the -- the facts that are alleged
12 prior to the pleas being entered, and I'll do that at whatever point the Court thinks
13 is appropriate.

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15 THE COURT: Okay. Well, let's have the pleas entered,
16 and then we'll deal with the facts. Does that make sense?

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18 MR. MCGILL: As you wish, yes.

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20 THE COURT: Okay, thank you.

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22 MR. COOK: Works for us.

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24 THE COURT: Okay.

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26 **Arraignment**

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28 THE COURT CLERK: Please stand. Do you want to stand? Chad
29 Kabecz and Irene Lima stand charged, count 1, that they, the said -- said Chad
30 Kabecz and Irene Lima between May 20th, 2024 and May 31st, 2024, at or near the
31 city of Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba, did willfully cause unnecessary pain,
32 suffering, or injury to a kitten, a hamster, and a bird, contrary to the *Criminal Code*.
33 How do you plead to that charge? Guilty or not guilty?

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35 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Guilty.

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37 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Guilty.

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39 THE COURT CLERK: You both say you're guilty. Count 2, that
40 they, the said Chad Kabecz and Irene Lima, between June 2nd, 2024 and June 29th,
41 2024, at or near the city of Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba, did willfully cause

1 unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to a cat, kittens, hamsters, fish, rats, axolotl,
2 and a bird, contrary to the *Criminal Code*. How do you plead to that charge? Guilty
3 or not guilty?
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5 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Guilty.

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7 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Guilty.

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9 THE COURT CLERK: You both say you're guilty. Count 3, that
10 they, the said Chad Kabecz and Irene Lima, between July 7th, 2024 and July 28th,
11 2024, at or near the city of Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba did willfully cause
12 unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to kittens, a rat, and a frog, contrary to the
13 *Criminal Code*. How do you plead to that charge? Guilty or not guilty?
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15 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Guilty.

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17 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Guilty.

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19 THE COURT CLERK: You both say you're guilty. Count 4, that
20 they, the said Chad Kabecz and Irene Lima, between August 4th, 2024 and August
21 25th, 2024 at or near the city of Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba did willfully
22 cause unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to kittens, a guinea pig, hamsters, a bird,
23 and a rabbit, contrary to the *Criminal Code*. How do you plead to that charge? Guilty
24 or not guilty?
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26 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Guilty.

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28 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Guilty.

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30 THE COURT CLERK: You both say you're guilty. Count 5, that
31 they the said Chad Kabecz and Irene Lima, between September 1st, 2024 and
32 September 29th, 2024 at or near the city of Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba
33 did willfully cause unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to kittens, rabbits, and a
34 bird, contrary to the *Criminal Code*. How do you plead to that charge? Guilty or not
35 guilty?
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37 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Guilty.

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39 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Guilty.

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41 THE COURT CLERK: You both say you're guilty. Count 6, that

1 they the said Chad Kabecz and Irene Lima between October 5th, 2024 and October
2 7th, 2024 at or near the city of Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba did willfully
3 cause unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to kittens and a rabbit, contrary to the
4 *Criminal Code*. How do you plead to that charge? Guilty or not guilty?
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6 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Guilty.

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8 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Guilty.

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10 THE COURT CLERK: You both say you're guilty.

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12 THE COURT: Thank you.

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14 **Particulars**

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16 MR. MCGILL: Thank you, My Lord. I will, at this point,
17 just outline some of the facts that the Crown intends to rely on.

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19 This case came to the attention of the authorities in August of 2024 when an
20 anonymous tipster contacted Manitoba's Animal Care tipline about an online group
21 they had located called Goddess May Premium Barefoot Crush that was selling and
22 sharing videos of animals being crushed to death, distributed on the messaging app,
23 Telegram. This group had over 100 members. And this source provided screenshots
24 and videos to the Winnipeg police that those images showed -- included a video of
25 a bare human foot crushing live cats to death. Topless images of Mr. Kabecz
26 including his tattoos and his face, as well as a price list offering various animals
27 being killed. For example, a baby mouse for \$5 or three kitten family for \$180,
28 et cetera.

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30 This source had done their done detective work and identified the male involved in
31 this group as Chad and his girlfriend by the name May. He was also -- he or she,
32 they were also able to identify Mr. Kabecz's Reddit, Facebook, and Hotmail
33 accounts, and through their own sleuthing determined they were in Manitoba and
34 called the Manitoba tipline.

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36 The police were easily able to Mr. Kabecz and their investigation also led them to
37 identify Irene Lima as the May that was referred to. She was the one doing the actual
38 crushing of the animals while Mr. Kabecz filmed. The police obtained a search
39 warrant for their suite on Hugo Street in Winnipeg. Inside, they found no deceased
40 animals, but the suite was clearly the location where the videos were filmed.
41 Numerous details corroborate this conclusion.

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When the police were able to examine a number of electronic devices that they seized, they uncovered a trove of videos showing the killing of many animals. These videos often had sexual aspects to them. In one video Ms. Lima crushes a cat to death under her bare foot while she made loud sexual noises and purported to masturbate and orgasm as the cat dies.

The police also obtained relevant communications between the two discussing these videos and discussing plans to escalate their behaviour. Ms. Lima and Mr. Kabecz exchanged messages indicating both were well aware of the nature of the group that had been formed, and what its purpose was. Ms. Lima's diary was seized as well. Most of the contents are not relevant, but in some parts, she does describe how much she loved killing things with her feet and the pleasure that it brought to her.

The police obtained a production order for records from PayPal, which showed a total of approximately 2,800 Canadian dollars received in profit from the sales of these videos between May and October of 2024.

In total, the evidence we've reviewed shows more than 90 separate animals being tortured and killed by Mr. Kabecz and Ms. Lima. That included 67 cats, six rabbits, seven birds, six hamsters, two rats, an axolotl, a frog, and three goldfish. The content of the videos is proof of the animal cruelty counts. It is impossible to watch these videos and conclude that the animals are not suffering and in pain. Ms. Lima crushes them alive under her feet as they struggle desperately to free themselves, and she stomps on the animals until they are essentially just a paste of blood, entrails, and bones on her floor.

The videos also establish who participated and where the videos were taken. There were some that were made outdoors. We have no indication of where those were filmed, but the majority of the videos were clearly filmed in the suite they shared on Hugo Street, which was documented by the police. As well as physical evidence that was seized from the suite as well.

Ms. Lima, when she was -- gave a statement to the police in November, gave a lengthy inculpatory statement to the Winnipeg police admitting her involvement in this set of crimes.

The Crown, as you've heard, does believe that the six counts where we've heard guilty pleas reflect the enormity of the crime committed by these two, and at sentencing we will be recommending something that is proportionate to the gravity of these offences, and each of their moral responsibility. It will be the same sentence

1 recommendation for each accused. The Crown is of the view, they are equally
2 culpable morally. But I don't want to put that on the record yet today, until we
3 finalize those matters. Those are the facts that the Crown is alleging in this case.
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5 I will say that both accused are well aware of where the discussions are about a joint
6 recommendation.
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8 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

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10 MR. MCGILL: Thank you.

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12 THE COURT: Mr. Cook?

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14 MR. COOK: My Lord, permission, I was going to do
15 the plea inquiry now, unless My Lord wanted to do it?
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17 THE COURT: You can go ahead and do that too
18 Mr. Cook.
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20 **Plea Inquiry by Mr. Cook**

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22 MR. COOK: Okay.

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24 THE COURT: Thank you.

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26 MR. COOK: I'll just go stand beside Ms. Lima.

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28 THE COURT: Yeah, thank you.

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30 MR. COOK: Ms. Lima, I understand you're entering
31 the six guilty pleas freely and voluntarily on your own will, are you?
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33 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Yes.

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35 MR. COOK: Is anybody forcing you to plead guilty to
36 any of these six counts?
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38 THE ACCUSED LIMA: No.

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40 MR. COOK: And you understand that by your pleading
41 guilty to these six counts, you will not have a trial, which means the Crown does not

1 have to call any witnesses to prove these counts against you because you're
2 admitting to these six counts? Do I have that right?

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4 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Yes.

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6 MR. COOK: And you know we're going to come back
7 in the new year, and Justice Harris will be presiding? The Crown and I will make a
8 joint recommendation as to what we think your sentence should be, but it's up to
9 Justice Harris to decide your sentence. You understand that?

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11 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Yes.

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13 MR. COOK: And you're comfortable with proceeding
14 this morning with your guilty pleas?

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16 THE ACCUSED LIMA: Yes.

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18 MR. COOK: Thank you ma'am.

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20 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Cook. Mr. Pollock.

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22 **Plea Inquiry by Mr. Pollock**

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24 MR. POLLOCK: Thank you My Lord. Now me, My Lord.

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26 THE COURT: Thank you.

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28 MR. POLLOCK: Hello, sir. Mr. Kabecz, you've heard the
29 facts written by the Crown Attorney at today's proceeding? Yes? Do you accept
30 those facts as true?

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32 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.

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34 MR. POLLOCK: You've entered six guilty pleas today?

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36 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.

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38 MR. POLLOCK: Okay. Did you enter those guilty pleas
39 freely and voluntarily on your own will?

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41 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.

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2 MR. POLLOCK: Did anyone force you to plead guilty?
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4 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: No.
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6 MR. POLLOCK: Okay. And do you know that by entering
7 those guilty pleas it means you're waiving your right to have a trial involving these
8 matters?
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10 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.
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12 MR. POLLOCK: And you know that you're not going to be
13 sentenced today for (INDISCERNIBLE) sentence report?
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15 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.
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17 MR. POLLOCK: We're going to return back to Court.
18 We're going to get a sentence by Justice Harris on that day?
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20 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.
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22 MR. POLLOCK: And you know that on that day the Crown
23 and I are going to make a joint recommendation on what is fit -- is fit and appropriate
24 in terms of the going forward sentence?
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26 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.
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28 MR. POLLOCK: Okay. And you also fully understand sir
29 that after hearing our solution, it is up to Justice Harris what your sentence will be?
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31 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.
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33 MR. POLLOCK: After hearing these questions sir, do you
34 still want to enter these guilty pleas?
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36 THE ACCUSED KABECZ: Yes.
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38 **Discussion**
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40 THE COURT: Thank you Mr. Pollock. Okay. So, what's
41 the -- so --

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2 MR. MCGILL: Does the Court accept those pleas now?
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4 THE COURT: Pardon me, sir?
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6 MR. MCGILL: Does the Court now accept those pleas
7 having heard them.
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9 THE COURT: I accept those --
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11 MR. MCGILL: Thank you.
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13 THE COURT: -- pleas absolutely. Yeah.
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15 MR. MCGILL: I will direct a stay of proceedings on the
16 remaining counts, on the indictment which go from counts 7 through 14.
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18 MR. COOK: Lord, I'm asking that your order a pre-
19 sentence report please, for Ms. Lima.
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21 THE COURT: Yes, thank you.
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23 MR. POLLOCK: And Mr. Kabecz as well.
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25 THE COURT: Okay, so yes. I will order --
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27 MR. MCGILL: The Crown agrees.
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29 THE COURT: -- pre-sentence report for -- for both
30 accused.
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32 MR. MCGILL: Normally that is a five-week deadline for
33 a new custody report. I don't believe there's a *Gladue* component to either one?
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35 MR. POLLOCK: No.
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37 MR. COOK: No.
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39 MR. MCGILL: Okay.
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41 THE COURT: Okay.

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2 MR. MCGILL: Five weeks takes us just before the
3 holiday break. We -- we discussed it with Mr. Cook, but not with Mr. Pollock yet.
4 But we were going to suggest a due date of January 9th.
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6 THE COURT: Okay.
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8 MR. MCGILL: We do all feel that we need to set a day
9 for the sentencing hearing --
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11 THE COURT: Yes.
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13 MR. MCGILL: -- not withstanding the likely joint
14 recommendation. We have not yet arranged that, of course. And would suggest that
15 this go to Assignment Court on December 10th, and we will make arrangements to
16 find a day before Your Lordship after the due date for the pre-sentence reports.
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18 THE COURT: Okay. Let's --
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20 MR. COOK: The only thing I was going to add My
21 Lord, if we could mark the indictment not to transport for the December 10 day.
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23 THE COURT: Okay.
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25 MR. MCGILL: Certainly, yeah.
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27 THE COURT CLERK: Waived appearance for Assignment
28 Court?
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30 MR. MCGILL: They should.
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32 MR. POLLOCK: Thank you. Yeah, waived appearance for
33 Mr. Kabecz.
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35 THE COURT: All right. Waive the appearance for -- for
36 Assignment Court.
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38 MR. COOK: And we'll get on it right away trying to
39 find an acceptable date for all counsel and My Lord.
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41 THE COURT: Okay, good.

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2 MR. MCGILL: Yes.
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4 THE COURT: Anything else that we have to cover this
5 morning, counsel?
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7 MR. MCGILL: No Lord.
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9 MR. COOK: I think that's it.
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11 THE COURT: No? Madam Clerk?
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13 THE COURT CLERK: That's everything.
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15 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you all.
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17 MR. MCGILL: Thank you, My Lord.
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19 MR. COOK: Thank you, My Lord.
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21 THE COURT: Good morning.
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23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning.
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25 THE COURT CLERK: All rise. Court is now closed.
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29 PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED
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