

1 MS. RICH: If you need to stop --

2 MS. THOMAS: Okay.

3 Thank you, Your Honor. The statement's from
4 her father and I. Respect, Honorable Court
5 today, we, absolutely, request that this motion
6 be denied on all counts, that there is no
7 modification to the conditions of release,
8 therefore, set by this Court in the case of
9 Samantha Thomas' death due to Mr. Nakhla's
10 inherent lack -- to human life and recklessness
11 on Oct -- August 1, 2020, causing the horrific
12 and sudden fatality of our daughter, whom was
13 in her third year of medical school and top in
14 her class.

15 The hippocratic oath is an important step in
16 becoming a doctor. Medical students must take
17 the hippocratic oath. And one of the promises
18 within that oath is, first, do no harm, that
19 comes out of the original Latin translation by
20 Hippocrates.

21 Mr. Nakhla put his medical license at risk
22 when, first, do no harm, he chose to get behind
23 the wheel of an Audi Spider; drove under the
24 influence of alcohol at a reckless rate of
25 speed -- estimated 138 miles per hour -- with

1 disregard to human life in his passenger seat.
2 The oath of doctors at graduation recite and
3 promise to adhere to this oath and it includes
4 in their work hours and, also, in their off
5 hours as a physician.

6 Causing the decapitation of Samantha Thomas and
7 her immediate demise, Mr. Nakhla has no one to
8 blame for these actions, other than his own,
9 and poor choice. He has no medical license and
10 income. He gave up his freedoms, along with
11 that, that evening.

12 As the Honorable Court has previously decided
13 on those conditions of release, after the Grand
14 Jury's charges, Mr. Nakhla can surely find
15 other means of income from his home; people do
16 it every day.

17 As for the rental, there are management
18 companies, family and friends to assist in this
19 matter. We firmly believe this gives him too
20 many freedoms and accommodations set from the
21 criminal charges brought against him, as the
22 Court already has in place, waiting for trial.
23 Mr. Nakhla is the sole reason that Samantha
24 Thomas is unable to graduate from medical
25 school with her classmates. She was unable to

1 get her medical license; unable to practice
2 medicine as a anesthesiologist of her dreams;
3 unable to enjoy family and friends with life,
4 in general; unable to attend our family
5 vacations, holidays and birthdays; unable to
6 give to the community in research and medicine
7 of her passions that she's been doing for
8 years; unable to have a husband and children to
9 aid in providing for her family unit; unable to
10 be maid of honor in her planned sister and her
11 stepsister's weddings.

12 Mr. Nakhla has robbed her family and friends of
13 the beauty of her presence and her infectious
14 smile as she loved and cared for the human,
15 nature, and animals. He has robbed her father
16 and stepmother of grandchildren and a
17 son-in-law, her overall presence in our family
18 life. No holidays and celebrations have been
19 the same, of course, and impacted forever.
20 Your Honor, at her sister's wedding and
21 stepsister's wedding, we had to be reminded as
22 the table had her picture on it, as her life
23 had been so recklessly taken.

24 Samantha is missing life, Your Honor. Mr.
25 Nakhla robbed the future generation of a doctor

1 and a healer. Your Honor, this list will get
2 longer as the years pass. As nothing will
3 bring our Samantha back, we humbly request that
4 no changes be made to Mr. Nakhla's condition of
5 release, as the Court has already set in place,
6 and, respectfully, deny this motion today.
7 We respectfully request the trial be as soon as
8 possible for some closure for all families
9 involved. With great respect, Your Honor, her
10 dad, Harold, and I, Christiana. Thank you.

11 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. Terribly
12 sorry for your loss, terribly sorry as a
13 person.

14 MS. THOMAS: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Any other speakers?

16 MS. RICH: No, Your Honor. We have nothing
17 else. We just are adamantly opposed to this.

18 THE COURT: Anything else from either side?

19 DEFENSE COUNSEL MR. KNIZLEY: Yes, sir.
20 Judge, we're here on a rule 7 motion. And
21 we're not designed to punish someone with --
22 with conditions of release. We want to find
23 out whether there's a danger to the community
24 and whether it can be ensured that the
25 Defendant will return for -- for trial, and, in