

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MOHAMAD HAMAD

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Criminal No. 24-257

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

Counsel for Mohamad Hamad respectfully files this Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. In support, counsel provides the following:

1. On November 5, 2024, United States Magistrate Judge Kezia O. L. Taylor appointed the Federal Public Defender's Office to represent Mohamad Hamad.
2. On or about October 30, 2025, the Court received a handwritten letter from Mr. Hamad and instructed defense counsel to confer with their client and submit a filing with this Court as appropriate. *See* ECF 192.
3. Mr. Hamad and undersigned counsel agree that irreconcilable differences have arisen between them. Despite counsel's best efforts, effective representation of Mr. Hamad by the Federal Public Defender's Office is no longer possible.
4. Both undersigned counsel and Mr. Hamad believe that he will be better served by this Court's appointment of new counsel.

WHEREFORE, for these reasons, with the consent of Mr. Hamad, undersigned counsel and the Federal Public Defender's Office respectfully request that the Court grant them leave to withdraw as counsel for Mohamad Hamad.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Yemi T. Olaiya

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/s/ Andrew Lipson

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ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2025, having considered the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel filed by counsel for Mohamad Hamad, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is **GRANTED**.

Assistant Federal Public Defenders Yemi T. Olaiya, Andrew Lipson, and the Federal Public Defender's Office are hereby WITHDRAWN as counsel of record for Mohamad Hamad in this case. The Court shall appoint replacement counsel by separate order.

Hon. Christy Chriswell Wiegand
United States District Judge

cc: Counsel of Record