

EXHIBIT A

March 26, 2020 letter of Federal Bureau of Prisons Assistant General Counsel Robert A. Martinez to Assistant United States Attorney Douglas P. Morabito

(requesting three-month extension of Lee Ferguson's self-surrender date)



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RE: United States of America v. Lee Ferguson
Case Number: 3:19-cr-00173-MPS
Register Number: 26449-014

Dear Mr. Morabito:

Consistent with guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control concerning COVID-19, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) has implemented measures to identify incoming inmates for possible exposure risk factors and symptoms. Depending on an inmate's specific risk factors, the BOP may require the individual be quarantined for 14 days before admitting him or her to the designated facility's general population.

Because some BOP minimum security camps do not have restrictive housing that would be necessary for a quarantine, local municipal or county jails are the only available option for housing an inmate who voluntarily surrenders with possible COVID-19 exposure. Unfortunately, many local jails are refusing to admit such inmates at this time.

Accordingly, this letter is being sent to request your assistance in filing a motion with the Court to extend the voluntary surrender date of defendant Lee Ferguson, Reg. No. 26449-014. In its Judgment in a Criminal Case dated January 27, 2020, the Court required Mr. Ferguson to self-surrender on April 28, 2020. Although the BOP has designated Mr. Ferguson to the Federal Prison Camp in Pensacola, Florida, for service of his

federal sentence, at this time we respectfully request a three-month extension of time before Mr. Ferguson self-surrenders, with the understanding it may be necessary to contact your office again in the future depending on circumstances. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 972-623-5926.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Martinez
Assistant General Counsel