

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

RELEASE ORDER

v.

12-mj-59-slc

MICHAEL BENIKE,

Defendant.

On July 27, 2012, the Marshals Service reported that defendant Michael Benike hanged himself at the Dane County Jail early this morning. He is on life support at a local hospital and is not expected to survive the day. Family members cannot be in the room with Benike while he is under a detention order. At a telephonic conference call this morning, the government and Benike's attorney jointly asked the court to rescind Benike's detention order. Pretrial services called the court to join this request. The court agrees. No conditions of pretrial release are necessary or will be imposed at this time.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that defendant Michael Benike FORTHWITH is RELEASED from pretrial detention.

Entered this 27th day of July, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge