

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES E. MCGHEE,

Defendant.

ORDER

08-cr-149-bbc-1

On December 2, 2008, this court took evidence and heard arguments on defendant James E. McGhee's motion for release on conditions. For reasons stated in more detail at the hearing, I denied the motion.

There is strong evidence that McGhee sold in Madison at least 15 ounces (~425 grams) of crack cocaine that he obtained in Chicago, his home town. McGhee has a great incentive to flee to Chicago where he has the connections to elude recapture. Although McGhee's uncle would make a solid custodian, his job takes him away from home one shift per workday. More importantly, McGhee has no incentive to obey his uncle, to stick around or to face the charges. His proposed release plan does not sufficiently reduce the risk of flight.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that defendant James E. McGhee's motion for pretrial release is DENIED.

Entered this 2nd day of December, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge