

1 (October 8, 2019, 10:53 a.m., open court.)

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3 COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.

4 COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: SA:18-CR-00603, United States  
5 of America versus Bradley Lane Croft.

6 THE COURT: Appearances please.

7 MR. SUROVIC: Greg Surovic for the United States with  
8 Mr. Fidel Esparza. We're present and ready. The third  
9 individual -- actually there are four individuals at our table.  
10 The third individual is Mr. Jeff Breen, he's our case agent  
11 from Veterans Administration OIG and we also have Mr. Joe Cantu  
12 who is our litigation support individual.

13 THE COURT: All right. Counsel.

14 MR. MCHUGH: Good morning, Your Honor, Tom McHugh and  
15 William Brooks, we represent the defendant. The defendant is  
16 in the courtroom today, he is ready to proceed. Also at  
17 defense table with us is Mr. Fred Olivares, a retired, but not  
18 retired FBI agent.

19 THE COURT: It's good to have all of you here. I need  
20 to do a very brief colloquy with the defendant and counsel.

21 Counsel, my understanding is that your client has  
22 determined that he wishes to proceed to trial before this Court  
23 without benefit of a jury and that he has appeared before  
24 Magistrate Judge Henry Bemporad and has gone through a full  
25 colloquy where Judge Bemporad recited to him his constitutional