

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**STANDING ORDER FOR CRIMINAL PRETRIAL AND TRIAL BEFORE
DISTRICT JUDGE TRINA L. THOMPSON**

SCHEDULING

1. **Trial** is set for 8:30 a.m. on _____, 20__, in Courtroom 9, 19th floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

2. A **Pretrial Conference** shall be held at 11 a.m. on _____, 20__, in Courtroom 9, 19th floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California. Counsel shall confer in advance of the Pretrial Conference and should be prepared to discuss any pending motions in limine, as well as the items listed in Local Criminal Rule 17.1-1(b).

PRETRIAL FILINGS

3. All pretrial filings in the Court's criminal cases shall be submitted to the San Francisco Clerk's Office.

4. A joint pretrial statement shall be filed at least seven days prior to the Pretrial Conference and shall address all the items listed in Criminal Local Rule 17.1-1(b).

5. In addition, the government and, to the extent consistent with defendant's right to an effective defense, defense counsel shall do the following at least seven days prior to the Pretrial Conference:

- a. **Serve and file a trial memorandum** that briefly states the legal bases for the charges and the anticipated evidence, and addresses any evidentiary, procedural, or other anticipated legal issue;
- b. **Serve and file a witness list** that includes a brief summary of the testimony of each witness; and

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

c. **Serve and file exhibit lists** and serve copies of all marked exhibits on all parties. Each item shall be pre-marked; generally, the Government shall use numbers 1–100 and the Defendant shall use 101–200—modified to meet the needs of the case. The parties shall refer to the “EXHIBITS” portion of this order for further instruction on exhibits.

6. All parties shall do the following at least seven days prior to the Pretrial Conference:

a. **Jointly serve and file proposed jury instructions.** The parties shall meet and confer and file a joint set of proposed jury instructions, if they can agree, arranged in the order the parties propose the Court give the instructions. The parties should use the Ninth Circuit Model jury instructions where possible. Any modifications to a form instruction must be plainly identified to the Court. Any language a party proposes to be removed from a model instruction must be designated with a ~~strike through~~ and language proposed to be added to a model instruction must be underlined.

b. The parties should include proposed text for all proposed jury instructions, even for any form preliminary instructions, general instructions, or concluding instructions on which they agree. Instructions upon which the parties agree shall be identified as “Stipulated Instruction No. __ Re _____,” with blanks filled in as appropriate.

c. If, after meeting and conferring in good faith, the parties cannot agree on a proposed jury instruction, each party’s proposed version shall be provided and identified as “Disputed Instruction No. __ Re _____, Offered by _____,” with blanks filled in as appropriate. All proposed versions of the same instruction shall bear the same number. Following each set of proposed versions of a disputed instruction, each party shall explain, in no more than one page, why the Court should give that party’s proposed instruction. If the parties dispute whether a particular instruction should be given at all, the proponent of

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

the instruction shall provide proposed language, identified as “Disputed Instruction No. ___ Re _____, Offered by _____,” with blanks filled in as appropriate. Following the disputed instruction, each party shall explain, in no more than one page why the instruction should or should not be given.

d. Counsel shall e-mail a copy of their proposed jury instructions in Word format to TLTPO@cand.uscourts.gov.

e. **Serve and file proposed voir dire questions.** The parties shall meet and confer and file a joint set of proposed voir dire questions for the Court to ask.

f. If, after meeting and conferring in good faith, there are proposed questions about which the parties do not agree, each party may submit a list of disputed questions they wish to be put to the venire. The proponent of each disputed question shall provide proposed language, identified as “Disputed Question No. ___, Offered by _____,” with blanks filled in as appropriate. No argument concerning why a disputed proposed question should or should not be asked shall be submitted.

g. Counsel shall e-mail a copy of their proposed voir dire in Word format to TLTPO@cand.uscourts.gov.

h. In addition to the basic voir dire conducted by the Court, the Court may allow an additional period of voir dire by counsel in its discretion.

i. **Serve and file verdict forms.** The parties shall meet and confer and file a joint proposed verdict form, if they can agree. If, after a good faith effort to meet and confer, the parties cannot agree on a joint form, the parties may submit separate proposed verdict forms. If the verdict form is disputed, each party shall explain, in no more than one page, why its proposed verdict form should be given. Counsel shall e-mail a copy of their proposed verdict forms in Word format to TLTPO@cand.uscourts.gov.

//
//

1 the same exhibit in their respective blocks. If the same exhibit is marked by more than one party,
2 the Defendant shall withdraw the duplicative exhibit (but should not renumber its portion of the
3 exhibit list.)

4 14. Two sets of binders containing copies of the exhibits must be provided to the
5 Clerk's office in San Francisco five days before trial. One should be marked "Chambers Copies"
6 and the other as "Clerk's Copies." Each exhibit must be separated with a label divider identifying
7 the exhibit number. Each binder should bear a spine label indicating the numbers of the exhibits
8 contained therein.

9 15. Counsel must consult with each other and Judge Thompson's Courtroom Deputy,
10 Bhavna Sharma, at the beginning of the first day of trial regarding the procedure for tracking
11 admitted exhibits and any limitations thereon. If there are any disagreements between the parties
12 regarding the status of the exhibits, counsel should bring them promptly to the Court's attention.

13 16. At the close of evidence, before closing arguments, counsel must confer with
14 Courtroom Deputy, Bhavna Sharma, to ensure the exhibits in evidence are in good order.

15 17. Upon the conclusion of the trial, the admitted exhibits are filed by the Court. The
16 exhibits not admitted are returned to counsel.

17 **OPENING STATEMENTS**

18 18. Parties must meet and confer to exchange any visuals, graphics, or exhibits to be
19 used in opening statements. Unless otherwise agreed, the exchange must occur no later than close
20 of business the Wednesday before trial. Any objections not resolved must be filed in writing by
21 the Thursday before trial. The parties shall be available by telephone on the Friday before trial to
22 discuss the issues raised with the Court.

23 **COURTESY COPIES**

24 19. Counsel shall submit two courtesy copies of all filings. All courtesy copies must be
25 double-sided, three-hole punched at the left margin, and marked with the ECF stamp (case
26 number, document number, date, and page number) on the top of each page. These printed copies
27 shall be marked "Chambers Copy – Do Not File" and shall be in an envelope clearly labeled with
28 Judge Thompson's name and the case number. Exhibits to motions or declarations shall be side-

1 tabbed and numbered or lettered. If the documents filed exceed 50 pages including exhibits, the
2 filing party shall submit courtesy copies in three ring binders.

3 20. In addition, one extra copy of the witness lists and exhibit lists should be furnished
4 to the court reporter.

5 **TRANSCRIPTS**

6 21. Should a daily transcript and/or real-time reporting be desired, the parties shall e-
7 file a transcript order form (CAND 435), at least 14 days before trial.


8 **TECHNOLOGY**

9 22. The courtroom is equipped with monitors and a sound system. Should the parties
10 wish to utilize additional technology, the United States Marshals Service requires a court order to
11 allow equipment into the Courthouse. The parties must file a written request and proposed order
12 no later than seven days prior to the beginning of trial if they wish to bring any such technology
13 into the Courthouse. Parties should be prepared to fix any equipment, if necessary.

14 23. Should a daily transcript and/or real-time reporting be desired, the parties shall e-
15 file a transcript order form (CAND 435), at least 14 days before trial.

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

17 Dated: August 26, 2022

18
19 

20 **TRINA L. THOMPSON**
21 United States District Judge