

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 19-20693-CR-SEITZ

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

vs.

PETER SOTIS and
EMILIE VOISSEM,

Defendants.

ORDER SETTING TRIAL DATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled cause is hereby set for **Criminal Jury Trial** before the Honorable Patricia A. Seitz, at the Wilkie D. Ferguson Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Courtroom 11-4, Miami, Florida, during the two-week period commencing, **Monday, September 27, 2021**, or as soon thereafter as the case may be called.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the **Final Pre-Trial Conference** will be held, as previously scheduled, at **10:30 a.m. on September 16, 2021** at the same location. **ALL COUNSEL MUST BE PRESENT.**

1. Writs: All requests for Writs Ad Testificandum **must** be filed not later than 14 business days prior to the first day of the scheduled trial period to insure adequate time for processing.
2. Discovery/404(b) Evidence: All responses pursuant to the Standing Discovery Order and/or Local Rule 88.10 shall be provided in a timely fashion in accordance with the dates scheduled by the Magistrate Judge. Noncompliance can result in sanctions. Any Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) notice **shall** include a specific factual basis for the evidence sought to be introduced. **Any**

404(b) notice shall be filed on or before September 3, 2021. Responses shall be filed within seven (7) days from that filing, and replies, if any, shall be filed three (3) days thereafter.

3. Motions in Limine: **All motions in limine shall be filed on or before September 3, 2021.** Responses shall be filed within seven (7) days from that filing, and replies, if any, shall be filed three (3) days thereafter.

4. Interpreter: **Upon receipt of this order, Counsel are directed to certify with the Court's courtroom deputy the necessity of an interpreter for the defendants.**

5. Jury Instructions/Voir Dire: **On or before September 13, 2021, three (3) days before the Final Pre-Trial Conference,** Counsel shall confer and submit to the Court a **joint set of proposed jury instructions**, in WORD Format, including substantive charges and defenses. Any defense that the Defendants elect to reserve until the close of the Government's case-in-chief must be submitted to the Court *ex parte* in WORD format. In addition, on **September 15, 2021, the day before the Final Pre-Trial Conference,** Counsel shall submit to the Court proposed voir dire questions. Counsel shall be prepared to conduct limited voir dire following the Court's general questioning of the panel.

6. Exhibit and Witness Lists: No later than **noon (12:00 pm) on September 15, 2021, the day before the Final Pre-Trial Conference,** Counsel shall submit to the Court a typed list of proposed witnesses and/or exhibits to be presented at trial. For each witness, Counsel shall provide an estimate of the length of time that witness is anticipated to testify on direct examination, cross examination and re-direct examination. The Parties shall also provide the total anticipated number of hours for all of the witness' testimony combined. All exhibits to be offered into evidence must be pre-labeled in accordance with the proposed exhibit list.

GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS SHALL BE DESIGNATED, NUMERICALLY; DEFENSE EXHIBITS, ALPHABETICALLY.

7. Transcripts: If either party seeks to introduce transcript(s) at trial, the moving party shall present a copy to all counsel not less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled trial date. If a transcript cannot be agreed upon, each party shall produce its own version of the transcript for presentation to the trier of fact. Government counsel shall notify the case agent/client agency of this requirement.

8. Jencks Material: To facilitate an efficient trial, the Government shall turn over to defendant counsel, all anticipated *Jencks* material not later than the morning of the first day of trial, unless special circumstances require that the materials be delayed until the day before a witness testifies. Said material shall include a face sheet for defense counsel to sign and date, acknowledging receipt.

9. Length of Sentencing Hearing: If defense counsel foresees that a sentencing hearing will take more than thirty (30) minutes, the Court's courtroom deputy should be advised not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 26th day of August, 2021.



PATRICIA A. SEITZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished to:
Counsel of Record