

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ERIC RIVERA, *et al.*

Criminal No. 24-267 (KMW)

Hon. Karen M. Williams

SCHEDULING ORDER

This matter having come before the Court for an entry of a scheduling order; and the United States being represented by Philip R. Sellinger, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Daniel A. Friedman and Jason M. Richardson, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, appearing); and the defendants and their counsel as follows: Eric Rivera (Thomas Burke, Esq., appearing), Adrienne Ponzo (Troy Archie, Esq., appearing), and James Wessels (Mark Catanzaro, Esq., appearing); and the parties having met and conferred and having determined that this matter may be treated as a criminal case that requires extensive discovery within the meaning of Paragraph 4 of this Court's Standing Order for Criminal Trial Scheduling and Discovery No. 15-2 ("the Standing Order"); and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this 25th day of April, 2024, ORDERED as follows:

1. Each defendant shall provide the Government with a hard drive capable of receiving the discovery required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 on or before May 8, 2024.

2. The Government shall complete its production of discovery required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 within two weeks of a defendant providing the aforementioned hard drive. To the extent additional discovery becomes known to the Government after that date, such discovery shall be disclosed reasonably promptly after becoming known to the Government.

3. The Government shall provide exculpatory evidence within the meaning of *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny on or before May 31, 2024. Exculpatory evidence that becomes known to the Government after that date shall be disclosed reasonably promptly after becoming known to the Government.

4. Since there is more than one defendant named in the indictment, and if the Government intends to introduce into evidence in its case-in-chief a confession made to law enforcement authorities by one defendant that names or makes mention of a co-defendant, a copy of that statement or confession shall be disclosed by the Government on or before May 31, 2024. The Government shall provide a proposed redaction to that statement to conform with the requirements of *Bruton v. United States*, 391 U.S. 123 (1968) and its progeny on or before May 31, 2024.

5. Defendants shall provide all discovery required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 on or before June 14, 2024.

6. The Defendant shall provide any and all notices required by Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 12.1, 12.2, and 12.3 on or before June 14, 2024.

7. The following shall be the schedule for pretrial motions in this matter:

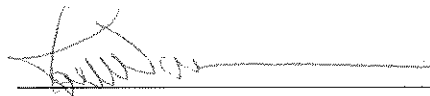
a) The parties shall file any and all pretrial motions, pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 12(b) and 41(h), in the manner set forth in L. Civ. R. 7.1, on or before July 13, 2024.

b) The parties shall file any response to pretrial motions on or before August 9, 2024.

c) The parties shall file any reply on or before August 23, 2024.

d) Oral argument on pretrial motions shall be held on September 9, 2024 at 3:30 a.m./(p.m.).

8. Pursuant to Paragraphs 17 to 21 of the Standing Order, the Court shall, in consultation with the parties, schedule a final pretrial conference that will be held no sooner than two (2) weeks following the disposition of pretrial motions. If appropriate, a trial date will be set at this final pretrial conference.



THE HONORABLE KAREN M. WILLIAMS
United States District Judge