

CRIMINAL MINUTES

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

CASE NO. 4:22-cr-84 **DATE** 7/19/2022 **TIME** 10:29 am – 11:00 a.m.

USA v. Bernard Okojie **TAPE NO.** FTR-BWK-CR2 **JUDGE** WOOD

BEFORE BENJAMIN W. CHEESBRO, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

INTERPRETER: _____

X **DEFENDANT PRESENT**

X **COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT** John Ossick, Jr., appointed

X **ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY** Jonathan Porter

X **DEPUTY CLERK** Karen J. Mitchell

X **U.S.P.O** Fonda Dixon

X **U.S. MARSHAL** Jay Ciambrone Marty Fitzjurls x Jason Parnell

INITIAL APPEARANCE

X **ARRAIGNMENT**

DEFENDANT ADVISED OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND HIS RIGHTS. DEFENDANT SEEKS APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL. CJA AFFIDAVIT PROVIDED IN NORTHERN DISTRICT. NO CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THEN. DEFENDANT CONTINUES TO QUALIFY FOR COUNSEL. JOHN OSSICK, JR. APPOINTED AS COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT BERNARD OKOJIE.

DEFENDANT PREVIOUSLY APPEARED IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA (ATLANTA). RULE 5 DOCUMENTS RECEIVED. DEFENDANT PLED NOT GUILTY AND WAIVES A FORMAL READING OF THE INDICTMENT.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWED THE PENALTIES. DEFENDANT PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

GOVERNMENT PROVIDES SCOPE AND STATUS OF DISCOVERY. COURT ADVISED PARTIES OF GOVERNMENT'S DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS UNDER FRCrP 5(f)(1) and *Brady v. Maryland*. DEFENSE REQUESTS 30 DAYS TO FILE PRETRIAL MOTIONS. PRETRIAL MOTIONS DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH 21 DAY RESPONSE DEADLINE. THE TIME FOR FILING PRETRIAL MOTIONS IS EXCLUDED FROM SPEEDY TRIAL CALCULATIONS. SCHEDULING ORDER TO FOLLOW.

DETENTION ADDRESSED. DEFENDANT PREVIOUSLY GRANTED BOND IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA.

COURT DENIES ANY REQUEST TO RE-OPEN DETENTION HEARING BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED IN COURT. DEFENDANT'S REQUEST TO MODIFY BOND CONDITIONS TO FOREGO THE THIRD PARTY SURETY REQUIREMENT IS DENIED. DEFENDANT'S BOND CONVERTED TO \$10,000 SECURED APPEARANCE BOND SECURED BY THIRD PARTY SURETY. BOND PAPERWORK TO BE FILED WITH THE COURT WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS. DEFENDANT WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA IN ORDER TO ATTEND COURT HEARINGS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA. ORDER SETTING CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW.