

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

SAVANNAH DIVISION

CLERK'S MINUTES - GENERAL

CASE NO. **CR422-84**

DATE **03/14/2023**

TITLE **USA v. Bernard Okojie**

TIMES **10:00 - 10:18**

TOTAL **18 Minutes**

Honorable : **Lisa Godbey Wood, U. S. District Court Judge**

Courtroom Deputy : **Whitney Sharp**

Court Reporter : **Debra Gilbert**

Interpreter :

Attorney for Government

Attorney for Defendant(s)

Defendant(s)

Matthew Josephson
Jennifer Stanley

John Ossick

PROCEEDINGS : **Pretrial Conference**



In Court



In Chambers

Case called for Pretrial Conference. Parties reminded of March 28th trial date.

Jury to be pulled from Brunswick Division. Govt to have first 3 witness the first day -

Each side cautioned to have enough witnesses present each day thereafter. Jury selection and trial process reviewed with parties - 32 jurors to be qualified with a total of 12 plus 2 for a total of 14 to hear the case. The Government anticipates a total of 2-3 days for their case in chief - defense anticipates 1/2 a day.

If the case is not concluded by Thursday evening, then the trial will resume on Monday (no trial on Friday). The parties have submitted proposed voir dire, request to charge and verdict form. At this point, there are no known witness issues. There will be an order issued from Judge Cheesbro on the pending motions. Any party that disagree with his ruling should appeal that order immediately as to resolve the appeal prior to trial.

Court takes up differences in verdict form and charge with each party. At this time, trial to commence and before the charge conference, parties to confer to see if there is an agreement. in the mean time, each side to provide the Court authority as to the verdict form - any authority due Friday prior to trial (03/24). Government proposes the final exhibit and witness list be disclosed to defense Friday prior to trial - no objection from defense.