

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 22-cr-20290 -BLOOM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ERIC DEAN SHEPPARD,

Defendant.

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ORDER REGARDING PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

THIS CAUSE is set for **Jury Trial** to begin on **Monday, August 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.** It is further **ORDERED** that immediately before trial begins, counsel for both parties shall be prepared to indicate whether they have complied with the following procedure:

Should any plea offer be made by the Government but not accepted by Defendant, the Government shall attach to any such offer a cover sheet with space for Defendant and Defendant's attorney to certify that Defendant has reviewed the plea offer. The cover sheet shall also include space for Defendant and Defendant's attorney to certify the dates of signature. This document shall be signed by Defendant and Defendant's attorneys before trial. This document shall not be filed with the Court or otherwise provided to the Court but shall be maintained within the Government's case file. The parties shall not advise the Court whether any plea offer has been made or, if so, of the contents of any plea offer that might have been made. See *United States v. Tobin*, 676 F.3d 1264 (11th Cir. 2012). Before trial begins, the Court will specifically inquire as

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to whether the parties have complied with this paragraph of this Order. The parties shall respond with either a “yes” or “no,” without further elaboration. If no plea offer has been made or if a plea offer has been made and the requirements of this paragraph have been satisfied, the answer shall be “yes.”

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, on July 14, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB' or similar, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

BETH BLOOM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: Counsel of Record