UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. CASE NO: 6:21-cr-141-RBD-NWH

EMMET BOWENS

PRETRIAL ORDER

1. **Date of Trial.** Trial shall commence on **December 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** before the Undersigned in the United States Courthouse, 401 West Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida, Courtroom 4A.

2. **Joint Jury Instructions, Verdict Form, Voir Dire Questions. Consistent with the Court's Criminal Scheduling Order, no later than December 5, 2025,** the parties shall file a single set of jointly proposed questions for the Court to ask the venire during voir dire, a single set of proposed jury instructions, and a single proposed verdict form. Jury instructions shall be based on the most recent Eleventh Circuit Pattern Jury Instructions. A party may include at the appropriate place in the single set of jointly proposed jury instructions a contested charge, so designated with the name of the requesting party and bearing at the bottom a citation of authority for its inclusion, together with a summary of the opposing party's objection. The Court will deny outright a proposed instruction that is "slanted" in any way. The Court **ALSO** requires that the parties send,

simultaneously with the filing of the documents with Clerk's Office, the single set of proposed voir dire, proposed jury instructions, and proposed verdict form, in Microsoft Word®, to the Chamber's email at the following address: chambers_flmd_Dalton@flmd.uscourts.gov.

3. **Exhibit and Witness Lists. No later than December 5, 2025,** each party shall have filed with the Clerk's Office their respective Exhibit List and Witness List. In addition, on the date trial commences, each party shall provide three (3) copies thereof to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk in the courtroom at the beginning of the trial. All exhibits are to be pre-marked in accordance with the attached instructions. M.D. Fla. Rule 3.07. Three notebooks containing the exhibits shall be supplied to the Court at the outset on the day trial commences as follows: 1) original exhibits which include the appropriate colored exhibit tags stapled to the upper right-hand corner of the first page; 2) copy of exhibits for the Judge; and 3) copy of exhibits for the witness box. The bench and witness sets do not require the exhibit tags; however, counsel shall use number tabs to tab out the exhibits for quick reference. Joint exhibits which are not objected to shall be introduced and admitted at the outset of the case. Failure to timely raise and specifically state an objection on the exhibit lists filed 14 days before trial waives that objection. A general statement that a party "reserves" its objections is ineffective to avoid waiver.

4. **Motions In Limine Deadlines.** All motions in limine must be filed by **December 5, 2025**. Responses to motions in limine must be filed by **December 8, 2025**.

5. **Demonstrative Exhibits.** If the Parties desire to use demonstrative exhibits during trial (including photos, diagrams or timelines and the like), each such item must be disclosed to the opposing party not later than **December 9, 2025.** In the event a party objects to the use of a particular demonstrative aid, then the Court shall examine each such item prior to trial. No demonstrative exhibit may be displayed to the jury absent prior agreement between the Parties or, absent such agreement, prior approval by the Court.

6. **Courtroom Audio Visual Equipment**. A variety of audio-visual equipment is available for use by counsel during trial. This includes a document camera, connection for laptop access to the audio-visual system, monitors at each counsel table, witness box, and jury box. Counsel are advised to contact the Courtroom Deputy at 407-835-8587 at least one week prior to trial to arrange a time to become familiar with the availability, operation, and compatibility of the courtroom technology systems, should they wish to utilize it. Failure to do so may result in the equipment not being available for use.

7. **Exception to Local Rule to Allow Electronic Equipment**. For the purpose of scheduled pretrial testing and during trial, counsel for the parties with

valid Florida Bar identification or *pro hac vice* order are permitted to enter the courthouse with one cellular telephone, one laptop computer, and associated electronic equipment. If counsel need more than the above-identified equipment, a motion must be filed with the Court requesting permission for the additional equipment with specificity. Additionally, access to the Internet via "wi-fi" shall only be by advanced permission by the Court. If granted, **the Internet shall not be used during jury selection** and not be accessed in the courtroom.

8. **Cell Phones**. It is the policy of the Undersigned to prohibit cell phones in any courtroom over which the Undersigned is presiding. All cell phones must be checked in with the Courtroom Deputy to be secured prior to the commencement of any proceedings. Alternatively, cell phones may be placed in the receptacle located in the anteroom outside of Courtroom 4A or in the secure location located on the first floor of the courthouse. This prohibition also applies to Assistant United States Attorneys and Federal Public Defenders. Cellular telephones shall be kept in the "silent" mode and may only be used outside the courtroom.

9. C**ourtroom Decorum**. Counsel shall familiarize themselves with all of the Local Rules but especially Local Rule 5.03 regarding courtroom decorum. Counsel, parties, and witnesses appearing in Court must wear proper business attire. Proper attire includes, at a minimum, shirt and tie for men and similarly

appropriate attire for women.

10. **Developments in case**. Counsel are directed to notify the Court promptly of any development subsequent to the entry of this Order which would in any way affect the trial of the case by calling Estrella Melians, Courtroom Deputy, at 407-835-8587. Counsel are advised to review the Court's preferences located on the Court's webpage at https://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/judges/roy-dalton-jr.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Orlando, Florida, on November 25, 2025.

ROY B. DALTON, JR.
United States District Judge

Copies: Counsel of Record

Attachments:
Jury Questionnaire (Criminal)
Instructions Regarding the Pre-Marking of Exhibits
Exhibit Tags