UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

V.

Criminal No. 21-0060 (CKK)

JESUS RIVERA,

Defendant.

PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

(December 21, 2021)

Having reviewed the parties' [26] proposed scheduling order, the Court sets the following tentative dates. At present, the Court is exploring the logistical efficacy of a March 14, 2022 trial date. The District Court continues to operate with limited resources and additional safety restrictions due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. See generally In re Ltd. Resumption of Criminal Jury Trials in Light of Current Circumstances Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Standing Order 21-62 (BAH) (D.D.C. Nov. 1, 2021). In relevant part, the District Court currently requires at least six feet of distancing between potential jurors. At present, only the Ceremonial Courtroom can accommodate cases requiring a special panel, i.e., sixty jurors. See id. at 6. Although this case does not require a special panel, the Court remains concerned whether a normal venire panel of only fifty potential jurors would suffice given the nature of this case. The Court currently expects that, if a fifty-person panel would suffice and the Ceremonial Courtroom were unavailable, it would conduct voir dire by seating twenty potential jurors in the undersigned's courtroom and the second thirty potential jurors in an overflow courtroom to participate by videocast.

Discovery & Associated Deadlines

Government to complete any final discovery under present indictment	N/A
Aspirational date for grand jury decision re: superseding indictment	N/A
Government to complete discovery under any superseding indictment	N/A
Discovery motions (Fed. R. Crim. P. 16)	February 11, 2022

Expert Notices & Other Crimes Evidence

Government's expert notice (FRE 701 & 702)	January 13, 2022
Defendant's expert notice (FRE 701 & 702)	January 13, 2022
Government's FRE 404(b) notice	January 13, 2022
Defendant's response to FRE 404(b) notice	January 20, 2022
Brady notice	February 11, 2022

Experts

Expert reports (FRE 702) January 13, 2022

Lay witness identification and subject matter (FRE 701)	February 12, 2022
Non-Evidentiary Pretrial Motions Defendant's non-evidentiary pretrial motions, such as motions challenging the indictment Government's response to Defendant's non-evidentiary motions Defendant's reply as to non-evidentiary motions Government's non-evidentiary pretrial motions Defendant's response to Government's non-evidentiary motions Government's reply as to non-evidentiary motions	December 28, 2021 January 3, 2022 January 11, 2022 December 28, 2021 January 3, 2022 January 11, 2022
Evidentiary Pretrial Motions Defendant's evidentiary pretrial motions, such as motions to suppress evidence, or <i>Daubert</i> Government's response to Defendant's evidentiary motions Defendant's reply as to evidentiary motions Government's evidentiary pretrial motions, such as <i>Daubert</i> and other crimes (404(b)) Defendant's response to Government's evidentiary motions Government's reply as to evidentiary motions	January 17, 2022 January 24, 2022 January 31, 2022 January 17, 2022 January 24, 2022 January 31, 2022
Motions in Limine Motions in limine by both sides Responses to motions in limine Replies as to motions in limine Joint notice of stipulations Giglio and Jencks material	February 10, 2022 February 17, 2022 February 21, 2022 February 28, 2022 March 7, 2022
Voir Dire and Jury Instructions	March 7, 2022
Witness and Exhibit Lists Government's witness list, exhibit list and exhibits Defendant's witness list, exhibit list and exhibits	March 7, 2022 March 7, 2022

Pretrial hearings (to include resolutions of objections to evidence) shall take place as needed on a series of dates to be discussed with the Court.

Trial is tentatively set to begin on March 14, 2022. The parties shall promptly notify the Court if they want to change this date.

SO ORDERED.

/s/
COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY
United States District Judge