

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

MICHAEL SPARKS,

Defendant.

Criminal Action No. 21-87 (TJK)

SCHEDULING ORDER

The parties appeared before the Court on March 28, 2022 for a status conference in this matter. As discussed at that conference, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The parties shall appear for a telephonic status conference on August 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the Court will rule on Defendant's motion to dismiss; the Court will notify the parties in advance if it requires argument on the motion at that time;
2. The United States shall notify Defendant of its intention to introduce any 404(b) evidence by September 30, 2022;
3. The parties shall file any pretrial motions, including motions to suppress and motions *in limine*, by October 19, 2022; oppositions to the motions shall be filed by November 16, 2022; and replies shall be filed by November 30, 2022;
4. The parties shall file on the docket and submit to chambers in Microsoft Word format at Kelly_Chambers@dcd.uscourts.gov a Joint Pretrial Statement, which shall include the information set forth in Attachment A to this Order, by November 30, 2022;
5. The parties shall appear for a motions hearing and pretrial conference on December 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 11; and

6. Jury selection and trial shall commence on January 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 11.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Timothy J. Kelly
TIMOTHY J. KELLY
United States District Judge

Date: March 28, 2022

Attachment A

The Joint Pretrial Statement shall include the following:

- a. A one-paragraph joint statement of the case for the Court to read to prospective jurors;
- b. Proposed voir dire questions that include:
 - i. The *voir dire* questions on which the parties agree; and
 - ii. The *voir dire* questions in which the parties disagree, with specific objections noted below each disputed question and supporting legal authority (if any);
- c. Proposed jury instructions, which are formatted so that each instruction begins on a new page, and indicate:
 - i. The instructions to which the parties agree;
 - ii. The instructions to which the parties disagree, with specific objections noted below each disputed instruction and supporting legal authority (if any); and
 - iii. The proposed instruction's source (e.g., the Red Book, Matthew Bender's Federal Jury Instructions), or, for modified or new instructions, its supporting legal authority;
- d. A list of expert witnesses, accompanied by a brief description of each witness's area of expertise and expected testimony, followed by specific objections (if any) to each witness;
- e. A list of prior convictions that the government intends to use for impeachment or any other purpose, followed by specific objections (if any) to that use;
- f. A list of exhibits that the government intends to offer during trial, with a brief description of each exhibit;
- g. Any stipulations executed or anticipated to be executed;
- h. A list of lesser included offenses for which any party may seek a jury instruction; and
- i. A proposed verdict form that includes a date and signature line for the jury foreperson, as well as proposed special interrogatories (if any).