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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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United States of America,	)	File No. 22-cr-223
	)	(NEB/DTS)
Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	
	)	
Aimee Marie Bock(1),	)	Courtroom 13W
Salim Ahmed Said(3),	)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
	)	Monday, February 3, 2025
Defendants.	)	8:42 a.m.
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE NANCY E. BRASEL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 THE COURT: Thank you.

2 And I know that I've given permission for I  
3 believe it's FBI Agent Travis Wilmer to be in the courtroom  
4 as well.

5 Do we expect him for jury selection or not?

6 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, we do.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

8 All right. And for the defense for Ms. Bock?

9 MR. UDOIBOK: Good morning, Your Honor. Kenneth  
10 Udoibok on behalf of Aimee Bock, who is in court to my  
11 right.

12 THE COURT: Good morning.

13 Good morning, Ms. Bock.

14 And for Mr. Said. There you go.

15 MR. COLICH: Your Honor, I have a problem with my  
16 voice this morning. Michael Colich on behalf of Mr. Said's  
17 defense team.

18 THE COURT: Good morning.

19 MR. MONTEZ: And good morning, Your Honor. Adrian  
20 Montez on behalf of Mr. Salim Said.

21 THE COURT: Good morning.

22 MS. LUCY: Good morning, Your Honor. Raghen Lucy  
23 also on behalf of Mr. Said.

24 THE COURT: And good morning.

25 And good morning, Mr. Said.

1 Thank you all for being here.

2 We are, I think, as you know, going to have the  
3 jurors seated in both courtroom 13W. That's this courtroom,  
4 and we'll have overflow jurors in 13E.

5 When we seat them all, I will go over first to 13E  
6 and swear those folks in. They are overflow jurors. In the  
7 event we need them, they will come into this courtroom for  
8 questioning.

9 I'll just go over there, welcome them briefly,  
10 swear them in, and then there's a video feed from this  
11 courtroom that will be streamed into that courtroom.

12 There will also be a video feed only for jury  
13 selection that will be streamed to another courtroom for  
14 overflow public seating and media. I don't think we'll need  
15 that beyond opening statements.

16 Hang on. I've got information about a juror who  
17 is a no show, so let me identify that person for you all.

18 It won't matter for now because it's an overflow  
19 juror. Juror Number 60 is a no show, and so that person 60  
20 should be crossed off your list.

21 Ms. Wegner is going to hand you, I think, both a  
22 seating chart and the list of jurors. Those lists are  
23 numbered. I know you have your questionnaire books, which  
24 do not have names of the jurors. The list she's handing you  
25 now do have the names of the jurors.

1           Again, they are numbered, and I'll be taking them  
2 back at the end of the day today, so make sure that they  
3 come back to me.

4           The number that we need to get to is 39. There  
5 are 7 strikes for the government and 12 for the defendants  
6 to share and alternate strikes 2 each. And so we need 39  
7 potential jurors to get to 16 jurors, which is 12, plus 4  
8 alternates. So that was my math over the weekend. I'm  
9 hopeful that it is correct.

10           As you know, I've also given you the opportunity  
11 for attorney voir dire. That's ten minutes per attorney.  
12 We'll break at sometime in the morning. We'll also break at  
13 approximately noon for lunch. The jurors are going to go  
14 down to the jury room for lunch.

15           You all know, and I'm ordering now, not to have  
16 any contact with any potential juror, not even to pass the  
17 time of day.

18           The elevators in this courtroom -- or courthouse  
19 are slow. I'm hopeful that most of them work today.  
20 Sometimes we get down to two, but I'm hopeful that we've got  
21 a decent number running today.

22           I would appreciate it if you all, if you need to  
23 go down in the elevator, would not go down in the elevator  
24 with any of the potential jurors, even though that may slow  
25 you down. I just think that's going to be easier.

1 All right. That's the process. I think you have  
2 my voir dire script that I will follow.

3 Is there anything that you wish to place on the  
4 record before we bring the jurors up?

5 From the government?

6 MR. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 Mr. Udoibok, for Ms. Bock?

9 MR. UDOIBOK: Yes. Yes, Your Honor. I would just  
10 request that the court instruct the jurors that if we seem  
11 to ignore them it's not out of disrespect.

12 THE COURT: I always do that.

13 MR. UDOIBOK: Okay. Thanks.

14 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you.

15 And Mr. Montez?

16 MR. MONTEZ: Nothing for Mr. Said, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, actually, one thing  
19 from the government.

20 At some point today, doesn't have to be right now,  
21 we should probably do a *Frye/Lafler* colloquy with Ms. Bock  
22 whose lawyer asked for a plea agreement last week, and we  
23 did tender her a plea agreement last week.

24 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Let's go ahead and  
25 do that now. We've got a little bit of time while the

1 jurors are organizing themselves.

2 So the request is simply, a *Frye/Lafler* is simply  
3 to place on the record the last plea offer that was given to  
4 each of you from the government and for me to confirm that  
5 you understand it and that you have intentionally rejected  
6 it or that if you wish to accept or reconsider.

7 Again, that's a very normal procedure. I don't  
8 get involved in your plea agreements. I have no idea what  
9 the government has offered you or what they haven't, nor do  
10 I have any opinion on what you should do, but we're getting  
11 on the record what that plea is so that each of you  
12 individually can state that you understand it and what you  
13 wish to do with it.

14 Mr. Thompson, do you wish to do that now?

15 MR. THOMPSON: I'm happy to, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Go ahead.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

18 THE COURT: And I'll just note that FBI Agent  
19 Travis Wilmer is in the courtroom as well and intends to be  
20 here during voir dire.

21 All right. Thank you. Go ahead.

22 MR. THOMPSON: And just so you know, with respect  
23 to Agent Wilmer, we have -- sometimes when we subpoena  
24 people, the subpoenas read the first time, the first day of  
25 trial, and people show up inadvertently. So he was

1       redirecting any witnesses who might have showed up today.

2               THE COURT:  Yeah, and I understand.  I mean, one  
3       of the reasons that I allowed three was I understand you all  
4       will be a bit in and out of the courtroom because you are  
5       coordinating witnesses or may be.

6               Go ahead.

7               MR. THOMPSON:  Thank you.

8               Okay.  Well, Your Honor, just last week at the  
9       request of Mr. Udoibok, the government sent a draft plea  
10      agreement for Ms. Bock.  That plea agreement would have  
11      called her to plead guilty to Counts 5 and 15 of the  
12      indictment.  That would be one count of wire fraud, in  
13      violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1343; and Count 15, which  
14      is one count of conspiracy to commit federal programs  
15      bribery, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Secs. 371 and 666.

16              Pursuant to that plea, the guideline range that  
17      the government had that were set forth in that plea  
18      agreement, it would be an offense level of 41, a criminal  
19      history category of I, which would have resulted in a  
20      sentencing guideline range of 324 to 405 months in prison.

21              However, because the statutory maximum sentence  
22      for Count 5, the wire fraud count, is 20 years and the  
23      sentencing guideline for the 371 count would be five years,  
24      that would have capped the guidelines at 300 months in  
25      prison.  So the guideline range would become 300 months,

1 which is the statutory maximum sentence.

2 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

3 Ms. Bock, do you understand that offer?

4 DEFENDANT AIMEE BOCK: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: And you went through it with your  
6 attorney?

7 DEFENDANT AIMEE BOCK: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: And was it your intention and is your  
9 intention to reject that offer?

10 DEFENDANT AIMEE BOCK: It is.

11 THE COURT: All right. And, Mr. Thompson, at that  
12 time that offer includes a reduction for acceptance of  
13 responsibility?

14 MR. MORRISON: It would have, Your Honor. It  
15 would have been a two-level reduction for acceptance of  
16 responsibility, although the government would not have moved  
17 the third point for timely acceptance of responsibility in  
18 light of the late hour.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 And as to Mr. Said?

21 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we didn't actually  
22 tender a final, an actual plea agreement to Mr. Said. We  
23 did discuss generally the potential guideline range, ranges,  
24 with his lawyer. I don't have those in front of me, but I  
25 believe that they were tendered to his client last week and

1 Mr. Colich had discussions with Mr. Said.

2 I can look that up, if you want, Your Honor, what  
3 the range would have been there. The plea would have called  
4 for him to plead guilty to a wire fraud count with the  
5 offense level of 35 and a criminal history category of I,  
6 which would have resulted in a guideline range of 168 to  
7 210 months in prison.

8 That would have included a two-level reduction for  
9 acceptance of responsibility, but not a third point for  
10 acceptance in light of the late hour.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 Mr. Said, does that offer the one -- sound like  
13 the one that was communicated to you?

14 DEFENDANT SALIM SAID: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: And was it your intention and is your  
16 intention to reject that offer?

17 DEFENDANT SALIM SAID: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: You have had enough time to consider  
19 it with your attorneys?

20 DEFENDANT SALIM SAID: Yes, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 All right. Having that placed on the record then,  
23 is there anything else that needs to go on the record before  
24 we call the jurors up?

25 MR. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

2 When they come up, you are going to be just  
3 sitting for a moment while I welcome the folks in 13E.  
4 That's a little bit of an uncomfortable situation, but I  
5 know that you all can handle that.

6 Again, when I go through voir dire -- let's do  
7 this: We'll go off the record in a moment. I intend to go  
8 through group questions. The voir dire script lays it out,  
9 group questions. Then I'll go through with the 39 in the  
10 front followup that I have on their questionnaires.

11 You likely will have followup that I don't ask.  
12 Before I turn it over to you, I will ask if there's a  
13 particular question you want me to ask anyone. I'm not  
14 going to do that juror by juror. I'm going to do it at the  
15 end. So keep your notes, and if you want me to follow up,  
16 we will do that.

17 Communications with me can be by headset. After  
18 we're completed with voir dire, I'll take motions for cause.  
19 Although you may ask, if it's a motion for cause that is an  
20 obvious one and you want to ask for it right then, go ahead  
21 and do that, because then we can fill in and it keeps the  
22 process moving.

23 My intention is simply to try to keep the process  
24 moving so that we can choose a jury as quickly as possible.  
25 As you've seen from their questionnaires, there aren't a lot

1 of them who have had a lot of media exposure to this case,  
2 and that may bode well for the questioning and the -- that  
3 particular issue with respect to potential jurors.

4 We're going to go off the record so that I can  
5 test the electronics and we can make sure that the headsets  
6 work.

7 All right? Thank you.

8 **(Off the record)**

9 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to step off.

10 Also, just as a reminder, this list is not to go  
11 out of the courtroom. Okay? So on breaks, et cetera, it's  
12 not to come out of the courtroom.

13 That's all I've got. I'll see you in a little  
14 bit. We're in recess.

15 THE CLERK: All rise.

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17 (Recess taken at 8:58 a.m.)

18 **(Whereupon, jury voir dire was conducted and is bound**  
19 **separately on pages 14 through 211)**

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21 I, Renee A. Rogge, certify that the foregoing is a  
22 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the  
23 above-entitled matter.

24 Certified by: /s/Renee A. Rogge  
25 Renee A. Rogge, RMR-CRR