

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 vs. )  
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 GARY EYE and )  
 STEVEN SANDSTROM, )  
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 Defendants. )

Case No. 05-00344-01/02-CR-W-ODS

**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' SEPARATE POST-TRIAL MOTIONS**

Pending are (1) Defendant Eye's Motion for New Trial (Doc. # 490) and (2) Defendant Sandstrom's Motion for Acquittal or for New Trial (Doc. # 499). In large measure, the motions re-assert arguments presented and ruled before and during trial. Exhaustive discussion of these issues is not necessary, and the arguments are rejected on the merits for the reasons previously stated before and during trial.

Only two issues require further discussion. Defendant Sandstrom argues he should have been allowed to ask Vincent DeLeon additional questions about his "feud" with Raymond Smith, who was also known as "Black Raymond." DeLeon denied knowing anyone by that name, so continued questioning of DeLeon would have been improper. Fed. R. Evid. 608(b). Moreover, the issues Defendant suggests he would have discussed on cross-examination are collateral to the events that occurred preceding and during the crimes in question. Second, Defendant Sandstrom argues he should have been allowed to inquire into the circumstances of Jason Stanley's death. Stanley's death had been ruled a suicide, and counsel did not have any actual information to the contrary. Moreover, the issue is also collateral to the issues in this trial, and a segue into this issue would not have been proper.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Ortrie D. Smith  
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ORTRIE D. SMITH, JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATE: August 12, 2008