

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case No. 08-00026-03/05-CR-W-FJG

TROY R SOLOMON (3)
CHRISTOPHER L ELDER (4)
DELMON L JOHNSON (5)

AUSA: Curt Bohling and Rudy Rhodes
Defense Atty.: Chip Lewis and Mary Ruden for Solomon; Darren Fulcher for Johnson

JUDGE	Sarah W. Hays United States Magistrate Judge	DATE AND TIME	December 17, 2009 12:00-12:20 PM
DEPUTY CLERK	Lori Carr	TAPE/REPORTER	FTR/lac
INTERPRETER	None	PRETRIAL/PROB:	None

CLERK'S MINUTES

STATUS CONFERENCE

REMARKS: Parties appear by telephone; defendants not present. John Osgood not present. Discussion held regarding current special trial setting of February 23, 2010. Parties believe they will be ready to proceed with the February trial setting. However, counsel for Solomon, Chip Lewis, indicates co-counsel Mary Ruden is expecting and might not be able to travel to Kansas City for the February setting. Counsel will keep the court informed of her status. Parties anticipate a two week trial.

Government counsel agreed to confer with government counsel in Texas regarding a related case and report back to the court by January 11, 2010. Parties are advised to contact chambers and set up a telephone conference if additional matters arise.

Discussion held regarding outstanding pretrial motions. Counsel for Elder, John Osgood, has requested hearings on two specific pretrial matters: the Houston police officer and the handwriting expert. The court believes that if a more detailed description were given by the government with respect to the Houston police officer, it might eliminate the need for a hearing. Government states it has provided a more detailed description of what the Houston officer will be called to testify on with respect to expert opinions. Because Mr. Osgood was not present, the Court will defer ruling on the pending pretrial motions until such time as all parties are available by telephone. Transcript ordered.