

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
**NOTICE of**  
**PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE and/or JURY SELECTION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the following cases, which are assigned to the **Honorable J. Michelle Childs, U.S. District Judge**, are **scheduled** for Pre-trial Conference on **February 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.**, in U.S. District Courthouse, Courtroom #3, 901 Richland Street, Columbia, S.C.

**ALL ATTORNEYS AND DEFENDANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE COURT OR SANCTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED.**

No continuances will be granted absent exceptional circumstances. If a Notice of Request for Protection from Court Appearance has been filed, attorneys should make every effort to have another attorney stand in for them before filing a motion for continuance. **\*\*ALL MOTIONS FOR CONTINUANCE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE DEFENDANT. For multi-defendant cases, all defendants must move for a continuance prior to pretrials. If not, all defendants must be present with counsel on the day of pretrials.\*\***

Each attorney is required to confer with the United States Attorney's office and review the discovery material **before** the pre-trial conference. All plea bargaining must be completed prior to the Pre-trial Conference.

All discovery motions should be in compliance with Local Rule 12.02.

**Please notify Miranda Brooks in the Clerk's Office at 803-765-5819 when motions are resolved prior to the Pre-trial Conference.**

## **NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the **PLEA HEARING** for any defendant who wishes to enter a **Plea of Guilty** will be held **immediately following the Pre-trial Conference** on **February 27, 2017.**

**Any plea agreements should be filed by 12:00 noon on the business day prior to the pre-trial conference.**

**U.S. Attorneys:**      ***Email Penalty and Element sheets to Miranda Brooks in the Clerk's Office by noon the day prior to the Pre-trial Conference if not included in the plea agreement.*** Make sure they correctly reflect the exact elements and penalties (and drug amounts/types, if applicable) for the particular defendants/crimes and that they correctly reflect the counts to which each defendant will plead.

## **NOTICE OF JURY SELECTION**

All cases in which a guilty plea is not entered are scheduled for ***JURY SELECTION on March 6, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., Courtroom #3, 901 Richland Street, Columbia, S.C.***

The Jury List is available 7 days before jury selection. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 47.02, the Court will submit written interrogatories to the jury venire, which are available for review in the Columbia Clerk's Office 7 days before jury selection. Copies of the juror's responses will be available for purchase. To purchase copies of questionnaires or obtain a list of jurors, a request form, available on the Court's web site ([www.scd.uscourts.gov](http://www.scd.uscourts.gov)), must be submitted to the Clerk's Office for approval. Copies of the juror questionnaire responses will be available for purchase at Copy Pickup, Inc. (803-799-2679) one week prior to jury selection. The questions on the juror questionnaire will not be repeated in the courtroom during jury selection.

**PURSUANT TO LOCAL CRIMINAL RULE 26.04, AT LEAST ONE WEEK prior to jury selection, counsel must submit his or her list of proposed voir dire questions and requests for jury instructions to the court with copies to opposing counsel. If requests for voir dire and jury instructions are not timely submitted, counsel shall have waived the right to submit written voir dire questions and written jury instructions.**

***\*\*Prior to submitting any voir dire requests or jury instructions the parties are to confer and determine if they can agree on these requests. If so, these requests shall be submitted as joint submissions. All requests shall be emailed to chambers at [childs\\_ecf@scd.uscourts.gov](mailto:childs_ecf@scd.uscourts.gov). The request forms may be found at [www.scd.uscourts.gov](http://www.scd.uscourts.gov).\*\****

**Requests for Strikes for Cause must be filed by noon 2 business days prior to jury selection.**

**COUNSEL ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE ELECTRONIC COURTROOM PRESENTATION SYSTEM FOR TRIAL.** If your case is a trial, you should contact Miranda Brooks regarding use of the electronic system.

Attorneys representing criminal defendants **MUST** notify your clients of all hearings. The Clerk's Office will mail notification of all hearings to sureties.

**Counsel:** If your client is on bond and arrested in another venue, please notify immediately.

At the direction of the Court  
ROBIN L. BLUME, CLERK

s/Miranda Brooks, Deputy Clerk

## PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES

HONORABLE J. MICHELLE CHILDS

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Counsel</u>	<u>AUSA</u>
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Pretrials

1:16-88	(1) Timothy Mark Rogers - C	Alexandra Benevento, Ret. Joseph Strom, Jr., Ret. Albert Hough, Ret.	Ben Garner
1:15-888	(1) Phillip Thompson - B (2) Aaron Vennefron - B	Martin Puetz, Ret. James Rutherford, Ret.	John Potterfield
1:16-674	(1) Delrico Eady - B	Joshua Koger, Jr.	J. Carra Henderson
1:16-344	(1) Robert Johnson - B (2) Suman Marks-Johnson - B	Kathy Evatt, AFD Louis Lang, CJA	Bill Day
1:16-805	(1) Brian Roberts - B	Cameron Littlejohn, CJA	Jim May
5:16-686	(1) Jennifer Martin - B	Kathy Evatt, AFD	Winston Holliday