

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MELVIN THOMAS,

Defendant.

SCHEDULING ORDER

12-cr-155-wmc

At the January 9, 2013 arraignment, this court set the following schedule:

1) In response to the defendant's Rule 16 demand, the government must provide its required disclosures not later than January 16, 2013, with a continuing disclosure obligation throughout this case. The government and its agents are ordered to preserve rough notes and similar data compilations for possible disclosure later in this case. Pursuant to Rule 12, the government reports that it intends to use all disclosed evidence in its case-in-chief at trial.

2) Defendant must file and serve any pretrial motions and discovery requests not later than March 22, 2013. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7), time from the arraignment until the deadline to file pretrial motions is excluded from the speedy trial clock regardless whether motions are filed. The ends of justice and the Sixth Amendment require that defendant and defense counsel receive adequate time to review the government's disclosures, investigate this case, then make tactical decisions whether to file motions and which motions to file. Briefs need not accompany motions. To obtain an evidentiary hearing on a motion, defendant must ask for it in the caption of each such motion and must submit admissible facts establishing a prima facie entitlement to the relief requested. *See United States v. Toro*, 359 F.3d 879, 885 (7th Cir. 2004).

3) The pretrial motion hearing and any evidentiary hearing shall be March 29, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. The court will rule on each motion or set it for briefing in consultation with the parties. Unless the court is taking evidence on a dispositive motion, defendant may waive his presence at the preliminary pretrial conference.

4) Deadlines to disclose expert witnesses: Government: April 12, 2013

Defendant: April 26, 2013

5) Submissions for the final pretrial conference, namely proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions and motions in limine must be filed and served not later than April 30, 2013.

6) The final pretrial conference shall be May 2, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Defendant may waive his presence at the final pretrial conference.

7) The final hearing before the trial judge shall be May 7, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Defendant and trial counsel must attend this hearing.

8) Jury selection and trial shall begin May 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The predicted trial length is one week. The parties are jointly responsible for alerting the clerk of court forthwith if a jury need not be called.

Entered this 9th day of January, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge