

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,) NO. 2:17-CR-00196-TLN
v.)
JUSTIN JOHNSON,) ORDER APPOINTING RUSSELL M.
) AOKI AS COORDINATING
) DISCOVERY ATTORNEY
Defendant.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:17-CR-00219-TLN
v.)
ERICA UMBAY,)
Defendant.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:17-CR-00222-TLN
v.)
RACHEL FELIX and ALDO)
ARRELLANO,)
Defendants)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:17-CR-00234-TLN
v.)
RICARDO VILLA,)
PATRICK BOTELLO,)
JOSHUA SIMS,)
MERCEDEZ SILVA-SIMS,)
ASHLEY HABASH,)
BRENDA MIRANDA,)
Defendants.)

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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:18-CR-00009-TLN

v.)

VICTOR MAGANA,)
RAUL BARAJAS,)
ISRAEL COVARRUBIAS,)
MILTON ESCOBEDO,)
JOSE MADRIGAL-VEGA, and)
TREVOR WHITE,)
Defendants.)

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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:18-CR-00010-TLN

v.)

JOSHUA SIMS,)
JAMES MASTERSON,)
EDGARD JIMENEZ, and)
REGINALD PAJIMOLA,)
Defendants.)

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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:18-CR-00034-TLN

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JOHN LEMUS,)
Defendant.)

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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:18-CR-00035-TLN

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CARLOS MARTINEZ,)
Defendant.)

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Plaintiff,) NO. 2:18-CR-00036-TLN

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STEFANIE LAVAN,)
Defendant.)

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 3 v.) NO. 2:18-CR-00037-TLN
 4 ASENCION JIMENEZ,)
 5 Defendant.)

6 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 8 v.) NO. 2:18-CR-00038-TLN
 9 DAISY GONZALEZ and JOSE)
 10 TRINIDAD ROMERO HEREDIA,)
 11 Defendants.)

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 14 v.) NO. 2:18-CR-00044-TLN
 15 MICHAEL DO,)
 16 Defendant.)

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 19 v.) NO. 2:18-CR-00054-TLN
 20 BLAS FELIPE GONZALEZ RAMIREZ,)
 21 Defendant.)

22 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Russell M. Aoki is appointed as Coordinating
 23 Discovery Attorney for court-appointed defense counsel in the above captioned matters.

24 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall oversee any discovery issues that are
 25 common to all the defendants. His responsibilities will include:

- 26 • Managing and, unless otherwise agreed upon with the Government, distributing
 27 discovery produced by the Government and relevant third-party information
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common to all defendants;

- Assessing the amount and type of case data to determine what types of technology should be evaluated and used so duplicative costs are avoided and the most efficient and cost-effective methods are identified;
- Acting as a liaison with federal prosecutors to ensure the timely and effective exchange of discovery;
- Identifying, evaluating, and engaging third-party vendors and other litigation support services;
- Assessing the needs of individual parties and identifying any additional vendor support that may be required—including copying, scanning, forensic imaging, data processing, data hosting, trial presentation, and other technology depending on the nature of the case;
- Identifying any additional human resources that may be needed by the individual parties for the organization and substantive review of information;

Therefore, the Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall assess the most effective and cost-efficient manner to organize the discovery with input from defense counsel.

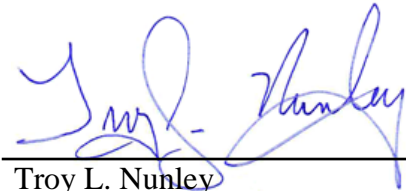
Discovery issues specific to any particular defendant shall be addressed by defense counsel directly with the Government and not through the Coordinating Discovery Attorney. The Coordinating Discovery Attorney's duties do not include providing additional representation services, and he, therefore, will not be establishing an attorney-client relationship with any of the defendants.

The Government shall provide discovery to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney unless otherwise agreed. To avoid delay in providing discovery to defense counsel, any additional discovery not already produced shall be provided directly to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney, who shall duplicate and distribute the discovery to all defense counsel. The Government shall work with the Coordinating Discovery Attorney to provide discovery in a timely manner.

1 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall petition this Court, ex parte, for funds for
2 outside services and shall monitor all vendor invoices for these services including
3 confirming the work was as previously agreed. However, his time and the time spent by his
4 staff will be paid by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office.
5 All petitions for outside services shall include a basis for the requested funds and a
6 determination that the costs of the services are reasonable.
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8 After consulting with counsel for the defense and the government, as well as the
9 assigned Budgeting Attorney, the Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall provide this court
10 with an initial *ex parte* report within 30 days of his appointment. Based on the nature and
11 extent of the discovery provided, together with the anticipated future discovery, the report
12 shall include the CDA's recommended schedule for future status reports to the court. All
13 reports provided to the court are to be *ex-parte* and shall depict the status of work
14 performed, and if any third-party services are used, whether those services remain within the
15 budget authorized by the Court.
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18 DATED this 22nd day of March 2018.

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22 Troy L. Nunley
23 United States District Judge
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