

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**CRIMINAL MINUTES - GENERAL**

Case No. CR 08-00494 SJO Date August 5, 2009

Present: The Honorable S. James Otero

Interpreter None

<u>Victor Cruz</u> <i>Deputy Clerk</i>	<u>Not Present</u> <i>Court Reporter/Recorder, Tape</i>	<u>Not Present</u> <i>Assistant U.S. Attorney</i>
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<u>U.S.A. v. Defendant:</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>Cust.</u> <u>Bond</u>	<u>Attorneys for Defendant:</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>App. Ret.</u>
	No		No

**Proceedings: IN CHAMBERS**

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER POSTPONING COMMENCEMENT OF JURY SELECTION AND TRIAL [Docket No. 314]

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Joseph Francis' Ex Parte Application for Order Postponing Commencement of Jury Selection and Trial. The Application is DENIED. The concerns raised have already been brought to the attention of the Court. As previously stated, the Court has expended significant time and cleared its calendar in preparation for trial. Court staff have also expended significant time and resources in preparing and sending a screening later to 1800 potential jurors to assemble an 85 member time-qualified jury panel, per the parties' stipulation. Thus, postponing jury selection and trial would inconvenience the jurors and waste judicial resources. Moreover, on the first day of trial the jury will be asked to fill out the jury questionnaire. Jury selection is not set to commence until August 17, 2009.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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