

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 06-20373-CR-LENARD

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NARSEAL BATISTE, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER REGARDING MEDIA CONDUCT AND PRESS MEDIA ROOM

To insure public access to this trial, a press room has been established on the first floor of the United States Federal Courthouse at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida. The press room is reserved solely for the use of media outlets. An audio feed from the courtroom is available to the overflow press room on trial days. Basic furniture, phone lines and Internet access is provided. The equipment is available on a first come, first-served basis.

Members of the media with appropriate credentials will be allowed to bring laptop computers into the courthouse consistent with the Court's September 7, 2007 order. No member of the media will be permitted to access the building with cell phones, cameras or any other recording device.

The authorized source of information about the trial schedule, including late openings and cancellations due to weather or other problems, is the Court's web site, www.flsd.uscourts.gov. Any problems with, or questions about the overflow press room should be directed to the Clerk of Court/Court Administrator, Clarence Maddox or his designee at (305) 523-5100.

It is ORDERED that members of the media are instructed not to attempt to, or actually, contact, interview or communicate or speak with any of the 18 jurors selected to consider this case, about any issue in this case or that person's status as a juror, until the

trial is concluded; and it is further

ORDERED that the prospective jurors, as well as the jurors ultimately chosen to hear this case, shall not be identified in any media, and will remain anonymous outside of these court proceedings; and it is further

ORDERED that no sketch artist or other trial observer may depict the facial features or hair of any prospective juror or otherwise display sufficient detail as to enable that person to be identified, and no one may photograph or televise any prospective juror, whether or not in the vicinity of the courthouse, in such a way that the person could be identified; and it is further

ORDERED that no one viewing these proceedings in this courthouse may bring into the courthouse any electronic recording or communication devices of any kind, or record or transmit, or attempt to record or transmit, these proceedings in any manner except as provided in other orders of this Court, and it is further

ORDERED that no one observing either the pretrial jury selection proceedings or the trial may attempt in any way to influence or intimidate any juror through any means, including wearing or carrying any clothing, buttons, or other items that may be clearly visible to the jury and that carry any message or symbol addressing any issues related to this case.

A violation of this Order by a member of the media will result in an immediate loss of courtroom seating for that person and all employees of his or her media organization for the duration of the trial. Moreover, any person who violates this Order may be subject to criminal prosecution for obstruction of justice or contempt of court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at the United States District Courthouse in Miami- Dade County, Florida this 7th day of September, 2007.


JOAN A. LENARD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Counsel of Record
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