

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What is a Pretrial Conference?** It is a meeting between the presiding judge and attorneys to evaluate what is necessary to move the case to trial and establish dates for certain tasks to be completed. There are often several pretrial conferences to resolve issues as they proceed toward trial.

**Will the Defendant be present at the Pretrial Conference?** Defendants are generally not present at pretrial conferences unless the conference is combined with some other procedure where a defendant's substantive rights are at issue.

**What is a waiver of speedy trial?** Under the Speedy Trial Act, the government is required to bring a defendant to trial within a certain number of days after an indictment is filed. The Act also includes many exceptions and exclusions in the computation of time. A defendant may waive his rights under the Act to provide his attorneys with more time to investigate and provide a defense, which has occurred in this case.

**How long before this case may go to trial?** It is impossible to predict, but it will certainly be several months.

**What is happening now in this case?** Both the government and the defense are proceeding with their investigations. In some circumstances, the parties may exchange information or ask the Court for rulings on legal issues.

**How can I get updates on any future filings or hearings?** Please check the Court's website regularly for current developments.