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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
PIKE CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. I

INDICTMENT NO. 25-CR-00223
25-CR-00225
25-CR-00227

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

PLAINTIFF

v.

ORDER

MICHAEL K. MCKINNEY III
MICHAEL K. MCKINNEY II
JOSH MULLINS

DEFENDANTS

To promote an orderly proceeding and to protect the privacy and safety of jurors, the Court HEREBY ORDERS the following:

PRETRIAL DISCLOSURES

Parties shall exchange expert reports, supplemental reports, and demonstrative exhibits intended to be used during opening statements on or before Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Expert opinions and demonstrative exhibits not exchanged by the parties on or before this deadline shall not be used. Proposed Jury Instructions shall be tendered to the Court by the Parties by Monday, May 18, 2026, and submitted to chambers via email in Microsoft Word format to the undersigned's staff attorney.

JURY

During jury selection (voir dire), the Courtroom shall be closed except to the prospective jurors, the parties and their counsel and court personnel. No person whether acting as a member of the media or as an individual shall at any time publish a photograph depicting the face or other identifying characteristic of any member of the jury panel. At the beginning of the Court's

portion of voir dire, the Court will ask counsel to introduce themselves by name, law firm and the names and residences of the person(s) they represent. Counsel will also announce the expected length of the trial. The Court will conduct its portion of the jury selection process by inquiring as to jury conflicts relating to the duration of the trial, relationship with the parties and current and prior representation by counsel.

Individual voir dire will be conducted on prospective jurors' knowledge and opinions derived from media including social medial accounts and from discussion about the case in the community. During this portion of the Court's voir dire, counsel will be allowed to asked follow up questions of the individual juror related to knowledge and opinions about this case, if any.

Following the Court's questioning of the jurors, each party may conduct voir dire limited in duration as follows: Commonwealth no more than 90 minutes, Michael K. McKinney III no more than 60 minutes and the other co-defendants no more than 30 minutes each.

Pursuant to RCr 9.40(1) each side shall have 8 preemptory challenges. Because the Court intends to have 4 additional jurors, each side and each defendant shall have 2 preemptory challenges.¹ Because more than one defendant is being tried, each defendant shall have an additional peremptory challenge.²

Commonwealth	10
Defendants as a whole	10
Michael McKinney III	3
Michael McKinney II	3
Josh Mullins	3
Total preemptory challenges	29

¹ RCr 9.40(2).

² RCr 9.40(3)

At the conclusion of voir dire, 16 jurors will be seated for the trial of these indictments.

After the jury is seated, the Courtroom will be open for the media and the public.

PRETRIAL MOTIONS

Any pretrial motions shall be heard after jury selection and before opening statements.

TRIAL CONDUCT

Opening statements and closing arguments are limited to 90 minutes for the Commonwealth, 60 minutes for Defendant Michael K. McKinney III; 30 minutes for Defendant Michael K. McKinney II, and 30 minutes for Defendant Josh Mullins.

During this trial the Court will not allow counsel to ask repetitive questions. Re-direct and re-cross-examination shall be within the scope of prior examination. The Court will not allow any speaking objections in the presence of the jury. All objections should be made by counsel saying objection and approaching the bench when necessary.

MEDIA

Mountain Top Media is the designated as the media pool camera providing live feed audio and video and audio coverage to other media outlets in attendance at the proceedings. Mountain Top Media is authorized to communicate and work with Court Personnel or third parties to ensure live video and audio from proceedings in this case in the Pike Circuit Courtroom.

COURT DECORUM AND SECURITY

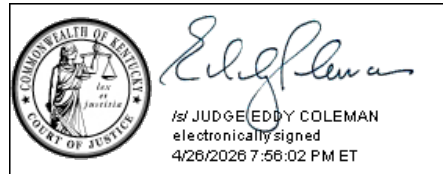
Congregations/Demonstrations of groups/individuals on behalf of any party, victim, or party-in-interest is forbidden within 25 feet of any entrance of the Pike County Judicial Center. No demonstration shall be conducted in a manner to disrupt or disturb the Court's proceedings in this matter and/or all other unrelated proceedings and business being conducted at the Pike

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County Judicial Center. For example, demonstrators should not hold signs encouraging the public to honk horns and should not otherwise obstruct traffic. The Court will not allow intimidating or disruptive behavior from the public in these proceedings and court security shall deny admission to any individuals wearing any apparel depicting support for any party, victim, or party-in-interest.



JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing order was mailed and/or hand delivered to all parties and/or attorneys of record on this _____ day of _____ 2026.

ANNA PINSON SPEARS, CLERK
PIKE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: D. C.: _____

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