

COURT: Good morning. I see that we are all here, good. Members of the jury, I will now provide you with some opening instructions as to the procedure of this trial. Please pay attention. At the end of the trial I will give you detailed guidance on the law and on how you will go about reaching your decision. But now I simply want to generally explain how the trial will proceed.

This criminal case has been brought by the United States government. I will sometimes refer to the government as the prosecution. The government is represented by an assistant United States attorney, Brett Tolman, the defendants, Chase Knox, Christopher Rowe, Daniel Boss, and Collin Randall, are represented by their lawyers, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Nelson.

The indictment charges the defendants with multiple counts, of which you will learn during the course of the trial. You have now been handed a copy of the indictment. The indictment is simply the description of the charge made by the government against the defendant; it is not evidence of guilt or anything else. The defendants pleaded not guilty and are presumed innocent.