

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
2 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
3 WESTERN DIVISION  
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5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

6 Plaintiff,

7 vs.

NO. 2:17-cr-20238

8 OLUFOLAJIMI ABEGUNDE,

9 Defendant.

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13 JURY VERDICT

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15 BEFORE THE HONORABLE SHERYL H. LIPMAN, JUDGE

16  
17 Wednesday

18 20th day of March, 2019

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1 Wednesday

2 March 20, 2019

3 The jury verdict in this case began on this date,  
4 Wednesday, 20th day of March, 2019, at 3:05 p.m., when and  
5 where evidence was introduced and proceedings were had as  
6 follows:

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10 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

11 MS. IRELAND: Afternoon, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: I got another note that tells me  
13 they've reached a verdict. I also got a note, I don't know  
14 that we passed along to you that they were working during  
15 lunch. It's a very note-heavy jury. Anything before we  
16 bring the jury back?

17 MR. PERRY: No, Your Honor.

18 MR. FLOWERS: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right. Let's bring them back.

20 (WHEREUPON, the jury returned to the courtroom,  
21 after which the following proceedings were had:)

22 THE COURT: You all may be seated. I received a  
23 note that you've reached a verdict; is that correct?

24 THE JURY: Yes, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Mr. -- is it Pack or?

1 JUROR: Pack like a suitcase. Yes, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Pack, you speak for the jury --

3 JUROR: I do, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: -- I do believe. Has the jury  
5 reached a unanimous verdict?

6 JUROR: That is correct, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Okay. If you would hand the verdict  
8 form to the court security officer. And just in the folder.  
9 Yeah. Is there anything else in there?

10 JUROR: The indictment.

11 THE COURT: Oh, okay.

12 So there's one -- on one of the counts, there's a  
13 scratch mark by one blank.

14 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: And your initials and then the other  
16 blank is checked.

17 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor, that's correct.

18 THE COURT: So it's the other blank that is the  
19 correct.

20 JUROR: That's correct, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Got it. And it is signed and dated.

22 I've examined the form, and it is consistent and  
23 signed and dated. Ladies and gentlemen, what I'm going to do  
24 now is I'm going to read the verdict aloud. And I'll do it,  
25 Mr. Pack. And it's called publishing the verdict. And then

1 what I'm going to do -- and we do the same thing in every  
2 case -- is I'm going to poll the jury, and I'm going to ask  
3 you individually if this represents your verdict in all  
4 respects. Okay? So listen to the verdict and make sure that  
5 it represents your verdict in all respects. Okay?

6 The verdict reads --

7 MR. PERRY: Do you want us to stand, Your Honor?

8 THE COURT: You can if you want. It's not always  
9 my practice, but that's fine.

10 We, the members of the jury in the above styled  
11 and numbered cause find Count 1, wire fraud conspiracy,  
12 Olufolajimi Abegunde guilty. Javier Luis Ramos-Alonso not  
13 guilty.

14 Count 2, wire fraud, Javier Luis Ramos-Alonso  
15 guilty. Count 3, money laundering, Olufolajimi Abegunde  
16 guilty. Javier Luis Ramos-Alonso not guilty. Count 4,  
17 conspiracy, Olufolajimi Abegunde guilty. Count 5, witness  
18 tampering, Olufolajimi Abegunde guilty.

19 You all may be seated.

20 Mr. Bryant, does the verdict as published  
21 constitute your individual verdict in all respects?

22 JUROR: It do, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Ms. Saulsberry, does the verdict as  
24 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

25 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Pack, does the verdict as  
2 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

3 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Ms. Bradfield, does the verdict as  
5 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

6 JUROR: It does, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Ms. Gunn, does the verdict as  
8 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

9 JUROR: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Puppa, does the verdict as  
11 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

12 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Ms. Johnson, does the verdict as  
14 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

15 JUROR: It does, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Ms. Person, does the verdict as  
17 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

18 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Ms. Hatcher, does the verdict as  
20 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

21 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Daugherty, does the verdict as  
23 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

24 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Velu, does the verdict as

1 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

2 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Ms. Carlson, does the verdict as  
4 published represent your individual verdict in all respects?

5 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: So the polling of the jury supports  
7 unanimity, and we will record the verdict as it has been  
8 returned.

9 Ladies and gentlemen, you're almost done. I'm  
10 going to ask -- thank you first for all your time and effort.  
11 I'm going to ask you to hold on in the jury room for a few  
12 more minutes, and someone will come around and let you know  
13 it's okay to go. Okay? Thank you so much.

14 (WHEREUPON, the jury exited the courtroom.)

15 THE COURT: You all may be seated.

16 Let's set dates for sentencings. How about  
17 June 20th? Mr. Abegunde at 2:00 and Mr. Alonso at 3:00.  
18 Does that work?

19 MR. FLOWERS: That works for the Government, Your  
20 Honor.

21 MR. GARRETT: Yes, Your Honor.

22 MR. PERRY: For some reason I thought I had a  
23 trial that week, but it appears to work on the calendar.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. PERRY: If I find out really quickly this

1 evening, I'll contact the Court and let the Court know.

2 THE COURT: Okay. And you know, even if you do,  
3 if you'll be done by then. We've got one that I expect to be  
4 done by then. All right. Anything else we need to address  
5 today?

6 MR. FLOWERS: Nothing, Your Honor.

7 MR. PERRY: No, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Anything? All right. Thank you all.  
9 We'll see you on June 20th. Thank you.

10 (Adjournment.)

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**C E R T I F I C A T E**

I, CANDACE S. COVEY, do hereby certify that the foregoing 9 pages are, to the best of my knowledge, skill and abilities, a true and accurate transcript from my stenotype notes of the jury verdict on the 20th day of March, 2019, in the matter of:

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vs.

Olufolajimi Abegunde

Dated this 5th day of December, 2019.

S/Candace S. Covey

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