

The summary of the Arraignment Hearing on 1/6/09 in front of
Judge Ricardo M. Urbina

Case Name: USA v. SLOUGH et al
Case Number: 1:08-cr-360

The defendants PAUL ALVIN SLOUGH, NICHOLAS ABRAM SLATTEN, EVAN SHAWN LIBERTY, DUSTIN LAURENT HEARD, and DONALD WAYNE BALL, pled not guilty. Their lawyers challenged the Court's jurisdiction to hear the charges against their clients and also asked for the venue to be changed to Utah. The prosecutors and the defense attorneys will file written papers (called "motions") with the Court about jurisdiction and venue. The Court will hold a hearing on February 17, 2009, for the prosecutors and defense attorneys to argue about those written papers and will decide the issues of jurisdiction and venue sometime after that.

Each defendant was released on his personal recognizance, but was required to remain in his home state and to surrender any weapons.

The Judge set a trial date for 2/1/2010 10:00 AM in the Federal District Court in D.C. The Judge set the date in February 2010 to allow everyone time to perform their investigations and not to have any delay of the trial. The Judge warned the parties that he does not want any dates postponed. The Judge was very clear that the trial should begin in February 2010.

Here is a list of the court dates that have been set for this case:

Motions Hearing set for 2/17/2009 10:15 AM

Pretrial Conference set for 1/14/2010 10:00 AM

Trial date set for 2/1/2010 10:00 AM

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