

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION



MINUTE SHEET
OF COURT PROCEEDINGS
(via Zoom)

Date:	10/29/2021	Type of Hearing:	Status Conference
Judge:	Marc T. Treadwell	Court Reporter:	Darlene Fuller
Courtroom Deputy:	Kim Tavalero	Law Clerk:	Ben Roth
Courtroom:	A		

Case Number: 5:20-cv-453 (MTT)

Ashley Diamond	Counsel:	A. Chinyere Ezie Beth Littrell Maya Gyan Rajaratnam Scott McCoy
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v.

Timothy Ward, et al.	Counsel:	Roger Chalmers
Arneika Smith	Counsel:	Annarita McGovern

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Court time for JS10/MJSTAR: 1 hour / 17 minutes

10:01 am	Called to order. Identification of parties. Preliminary remarks by the Court.
10:02 am	Response by Ms. Ezie.
10:08 am	Response by Mr. Chalmers.
10:13 am	Discussion regarding allegations of additional sexual assaults at Coastal State Prison.
10:17 am	The Court directed Mr. Chalmers to provide the Court with copies of all available documentation related to alleged sexual assaults since the motion hearing held in May 2021 (Doc. 92).
10:21 am	Discussion regarding plaintiff's allegations and whether she has

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cooperated with PREA investigators. Discussion regarding camera situation at plaintiff's dorm and cell.

10:29 am The Court addressed the parties with observations regarding GDC staff, Coastal State Prison staff, and PREA investigations.

10:32 am Discussion regarding discovery status and the parties' agreement regarding a certificate of completion.

10:44 am The Court addressed the parties as follows:

- The parties shall provide the Court with discovery requests and responses.
- Each side shall submit a list of witnesses to depose.
- Once submitted, the Court will revise the dates for discovery and dispositive motions, taking into consideration the parties' recent agreement to extend the current deadlines by 3 months.

10:57 am The Court addressed Mr. Chalmers regarding the plaintiff's 4/16 discovery request. The defendants shall have until 11/30 to complete their response to that request. If there is any difficulty in meeting that deadline, contact the Court.

10:58 am Discussion regarding post-hearing briefing. Discussion regarding scheduling order and depositions. Discussion regarding plaintiff submitting a supplemental declaration. Discussion regarding filing additional medical records under seal.

11:12 am The Court addressed severing Defendant Arneika Smith.

11:14 am Ms. Ezie stated that the plaintiff would not be opposed to severance.

11:15 am Ms. Ezie advised Mr. Chalmers that there should be video available as to plaintiff's recent PREA interviews.

11:16 am Discussion to clarify documents to be produced for the Court.

11:18 am Adjourned.